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TOWN OF YARMOUTH

INCORPORATED AUGUST 8, 1849

2006

ANNUAL REPORT

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LATCHSTRING AWARD

2006

2005– Charles & Linda Horstmann, 2004 - Thomas Reinsborough, 2003 - Geoffrey Shallard, 2002 -Dale Akeley,
2001 - Ann Swardlick, 2000 - Debra Hopkins, 1999 - Horace Horton,



Since 1980 the Yarmouth Town Council has annually recognized citizens of the Town who have contributed their time, efforts and concern for an extended and exemplary period for the benefit of the citizens of Yarmouth.

The Latchstring Award with its name derived from the town motto “Our Latchstring Always Out” is intended as an acknowledgement of those citizens whose examples of citizenship and leadership keep Yarmouth a warm and welcoming community of caring individuals.

The 2006 Co-Recipients are Carolyn Dahlgren and Judy Oliver. Together Carolyn and Judy have served the people of Yarmouth for many years of countless hours of work maintaining and operating the medical supplies loan closet for the Yarmouth Health Council. Whenever there has been a need for any Yarmouth resident or family to receive support with medical supplies and equipment, the Yarmouth Health Council has been there to lend a hand – and Carolyn Dahlgren and Judy Oliver have been in the forefront of those much needed and welcomed efforts.

1990 - Kenneth Larrabee, 1989 - William MacLeod, 1988 - Thomas Payson, 1987 - Hector Hebert, 1986 - William Hall and Robert Wood

1998 - William Miles, Jr, 1997 - David Clarke, 1996 - Martha Dunlap, 1995 - Ralph Stevens, 1994 - Elizabeth Barker Murphy, 1993 - Edward Ainsworth, 1992 - Joy Ahrens, 1991 - William Goddard

1985 - Isabelle Campbell, 1984 - Arthur Hodsdon, 1983 - Frank Knight, 1982 - Claire Page, 1981 - Dr. Barron McIntyre, 1980 - Lawrence Reinsborough—

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Town Manager's Letter of Transmittal

To the Citizens of Yarmouth and the Yarmouth Town Council

I am pleased to submit to you herein the annual report of the Town of Yarmouth for the calendar year 2006 and the fiscal year financial statements for June 30, 2006.

Yarmouth continues to face the challenges of meeting the demands and service needs of a very engaged community with high expectations, of the ever increasing legislative and regulatory mandates of the State and federal government, and balancing that with nearly frenzied political and community pressure to limit the property tax burden. I think you can be quite pleased and proud at how Yarmouth has succeeded in that challenge. The property tax requirement to fund the municipal accounts (non education) in the 2006/07 budget represents a total increase of less than 1% over 3 years!

Yarmouth voters evidenced strong support for the municipal and school budgets in the 2006 Annual Town Meeting yet gave thorough and thoughtful consideration to the tax limitation initiative referred to as TABOR. This serious business of deciding the nature and level of public services for our own needs and to assist or support others in our community underscores a tremendous sense of civic consciousness and responsibility in Yarmouth. It also demonstrates a mutual respect for one another within the community and a trust in the men and women who serve Yarmouth as volunteers, elected officials and employees. Yarmouth has good cause to be pleased with the way we all work together and maintain a small town that is such a wonderful place to live, work, and play. I extend my deep appreciation to all of you for that.

I look forward to continuing these efforts and values and bringing them into the process of consolidation and regionalization in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Nathaniel J. Tupper
Town Manager*

MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS 2006

- ◆ Authorized development of plans to improve access to Madeleine Point swimming and boating area.
- ◆ Authorized participation and membership in ECO Maine, a successor to Regional Waste Systems, Inc.
- ◆ Approved new three-year collective bargaining agreements with the Dispatchers Unit, Wastewater Division Employees, and the Parks and Public Works unions.
- ◆ Authorized land donation at Drinkwater Point for a Habitat for Humanity project.
- ◆ Modified land use regulations to:
 - ◇ Allow conversion of non-conforming uses or structures to other non-conforming uses
 - ◇ Resume non-conforming uses within a 2-year period (extended from 1 year)
 - ◇ Simplify and assist homeowner duties for home occupations
 - ◇ Create limits on retail stores total footprint and provided flexibility in design
 - ◇ Adopt rules to protect wetlands and to require setbacks from wetlands
 - ◇ Adopt several density bonus incentives to encourage “cluster development” concepts.
- ◆ Named Carolyn Dahlgren and Judy Oliver as co-recipients of the Latchstring Award for their long commitment to the Yarmouth Health Council's medical loan closet.
- ◆ Extended the Wharf Use Agreement with the Town of Cumberland and authorized transfer to the new Town of Chebeague Island.
- ◆ Authorized the sale of 50 Main St. and dedicated sale proceeds to help build a new storage facility off McCartney Street.
- ◆ Nan Kollias retired as librarian of Merrill Memorial Library after 26 ½ years of excellent service.
- ◆ Mike Crosby resigned as Yarmouth's outstanding long-term Superintendent of the wastewater treatment system.
- ◆ Appropriated funds to assist the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee with its updating work.

Message from the Chair

To the Citizens, members of the Town Council, Employees, and Volunteers of the Town of Yarmouth:

It is an honor to serve you as Chairman of your Council and to have an opportunity to continue the visions which those before me had for our community. You, the Citizens of Yarmouth, have provided me with many opportunities to help in guiding Yarmouth to the prominence it has in this state.

Regionalization seems to have been the buzz word over the past couple of years and for many it continues to be their solution to our tax problem. Your council has been working with your neighbors to find ways to share services and thereby providing some savings without decreasing the ability to provide a level of services which you desire. As we look at more ways to regionalize it becomes difficult to develop plans which will save money without sacrificing what we currently enjoy. Therefore, as your council looks at these alternatives we will need your input in determining what you are willing to sacrifice in order to maintain a low level of taxation.

The Council continues to examine ways to control expenditures as a means to maintain a level tax rate. Just as your living costs increase, cost of municipal services increase and as these costs increase so does the tax rate. Yarmouth is experiencing a continued decrease in property valuation as the value of the Wyman Station decreases. This decrease in valuation is only partially offset by new construction.

As a means to reduce property taxes many communities have begun to instigate user fees. This, to me, is just another form of taxation, a method of collecting the monies needed to continue the same expenditures with out reducing the cost to its citizens. In fact, in some cases it increases the cost for many citizens while reducing the cost to others.

The theme of our sesquicentennial was "Still a Village after all These Years". Yarmouth, in my life time, has seen many, many changes and due to the vision of its residents it continues to have that village feeling. The size of our community, the cooperation of citizens, the willingness of people to volunteer to serve on committees, the development of comprehensive plans, which have guided the community in the past and will continue to guide us into the future, and by following the "golden rule" - do unto other as you would have them to do unto you—the citizens will keep Yarmouth a village forever.

In closing I want to thank the Town Manager, all of the Town Employees, and the members of the council for their support not only for me as Chairman of the Council, but also the support that they have provided for all the citizens of this outstanding community. Earlier in my remarks I stated that I have seen many changes, but one aspect that has not changed is the commitment that everyone has to maintain Yarmouth as the most enjoyable town in which to live.

Respectfully,

Carl H. Winslow, Town Council Chair

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 13-14, 2006

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

YARMOUTH, MAINE

ARTICLE 1: Horace Horton was duly elected by secret ballot and sworn in as Moderator of said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: The results of the balloting for town officers were as follows:

<u>Town Council-3 Year Term</u>	
Erving Bickford	981
Karl Stienbach	843
<u>School Committee</u>	
George Dilworth	867
Nancy Thompson	894
Timothy Wheaton	868
<u>Water District Trustees</u>	
Erving Bickford	1058

Elected to the Town Council were Erving Bickford and Karl Steinbach for a term of three years, to the School Committee – George Dilworth, Nancy Thompson and J. Timothy Wheaton, and elected as Trustee to the Yarmouth Water District was Erving Bickford.

Prior to considering the business portion of the Warrant under Article 3-22, the 2006 Latchstring Award , the most prestigious award the town gives to one of its citizens for volunteerism during the year, was presented to co-awardees Carolyn Dahlgren and Judy Oliver by Councilman Guy Vigue.

ARTICLE 3: It was voted that the town appropriate \$11,573,968.66 for the Town's Contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the Town raise \$9,564,600 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

ARTICLE 4: It was voted that the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,705,827 for the annual debt service payments on any non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects, and minor capital projects, in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

ARTICLE 5: It was voted by written ballot 58 - 6 that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,298,228.34 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$3,318,474.64.

ARTICLE 6: It was voted that the Town transfer \$185,000 to the School Maintenance Reserve.

ARTICLE 7: It was voted to transfer \$63,232 to the School Transportation Equipment Reserve.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted to appropriate \$150,080 for Adult Education Program purposes and to raise \$45,000 as the local share for the Adult Education Program for the year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

ARTICLE 9: It was voted the Town will approve \$17,718,024 to the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 10: It was voted that the Town will authorize the Yarmouth School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the 2006-2007 fiscal year for school and/or adult education purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of funds not pre-viously appropriated.

ARTICLE 11: It was voted that the Town will accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
State Revenue Sharing (including property tax relief)	\$870,000
Funds for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services	100,000
Snowmobile Reimbursements	900
Dept. of Transportation Block Grant	96,000
Veterans Tax Refund	7,200
Library Stipend	1,000
Court Officers	2,500
Welfare	2,000
State Aid to Education (including Federal pass through funds)	2,500,000
Civil Emergency Preparedness Funds	1,000
Community Development Funds	1,000
Maine State Housing Authority Grants	1,000
Homestead Exemption Refunds	211,400

ARTICLE 12: It was voted that the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,538,561 of estimated transfers, fund balance, and revenues other than property taxes and school revenues, to reduce the amount to be raised by property taxes or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,861,255 for General Government Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,064,943 for Public Safety Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,310,287 for Public Works Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,180 for Health and Welfare or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,044,202 for Public Services or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,379,143 for Debt Service or take any action relative thereto.

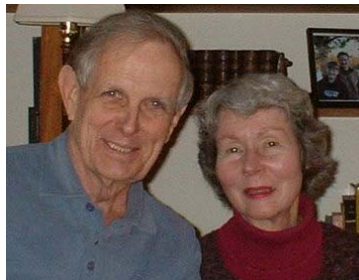
ARTICLE 20: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,000 for Capital Outlay Accounts or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$300,000 for the Capital Reserve Accounts to increase the road paving program or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: It was voted that the Town will establish a Housing Assistance Reserve Fund, a permanent non-lapsing reserve fund, for use as approved by the Town Council, to acquire real estate or interests therein, to assist in the improvement of residential properties, including rental properties, to provide for infrastructure investments and improvements, housing improvement and ownership loans and loan subsidies, conduct studies, or take any other reasonable actions all to provide for or promote affordable housing opportunities for persons of low or moderate income, and/or for senior housing programs, services or opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Attest: /s/ Jennifer S. Doten
Town Clerk



Fred & Colleen Webster

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Fred declared "The Cousins Island Bridge is the best change as it brought that community into town. This affected the whole town and the tax base.

CMP was paying 2/3 of the town tax base when it was first built."

Colleen acknowledged: "The increase in Yarmouth's population has brought many new businesses and services to town, and this is good. However, this increase also has created a loss of habitat for wildlife and forced it to seek food in residential areas."

Boards, Committees and Commissions

Town Council

Jed J. French, Chair, 07
Jeff Darrell, 08
Karl Steinbach, 09
Carl H. Winslow, 08

Guy Vigue, 08
Erv Bickford, 09
Mark Hough, 07

Planning Board

Pamelia Adams, 07
Sarah Wiley, 09
John E. Palmer, Jr., 06
Thomas M. Renahan, 08
Dawn Emerson, Director of Planning/Development

Peggy Killmer, 08
Stacy Stevens, 07
Peter L. Thompson, 08

Zoning Board of Appeals

Edward A. Charbonneau, Chair, 06
Kevin R. Haley, 08
Anita Anderson, 07
Neil Shankman, 07
Code Enforcement Officer, William Longley
Director of Planning/Development, Dawn Emerson

Edward E. Ainsworth, 07
C. Mitchell Draper, 08
Mathew Cardente, 08

Community Services Advisory Committee

Paige Pingitore, 08
Rick Distatiso, 07
Amy Thompson, 06
Larry Lindgren, 06
Kim Lindenau, 08
Marcia E. Noyes, Community Services Director
Town Council Liaison, Karl Steinbach
School Committee Liaison, Carrie Penrose

Colin O'Neill, 06
Laura Kavesh, 07
Andrea E. Thurston, 08
Amy Thompson, 06

Conservation Commission

Joshua L. Royte, 07
Daniel P. Ostrye, Chair 08
James Taylor, 07
Town Council Liaison, Jeff Darrell

Mark Lickus, 06
Cathleen W. Kendrick, 08
Edward Ashley, 08

Harbor and Waterfront Committee

F. Herbert Barnes, 06
William Gribbin, 07
Roger F. Snow, 07
Charles Perkins, Marine Patrol Officer
Town Council Liaison, Mark Hough

Merrill C. Kimball, 06
James Eaton, 08

Investments Advisory Panel

Garrett M. Champlin - Peter Heard - Edward B. Simmons

Board of Assessment Review

William Hamill, Chair, 07
John r. Fournier, 06
Peter J. Grunwald, 07

Prudence Heard, 08
Bertran W. Smith, 06

Board of Health

Judith Berghuis, 07
Anne B. Keith, 08
Mary C. Towle, 08
Eileen Wyatt, Health Officer

Jeannette B. Defour, 06
Patricia J. Phillips, 08

Shellfish Conservation Committee

Ralph L. Doughty, 06
Harold Hibbard, III, 08
Jay Pinkham, 07
Kevin Oliver, 06
Clam Warden, Charles Perkins
Council Liaison, Jed French
Advisor, Donald Card, Dept. of Marine Resources

Ernest E. Grant, 07
Rick Baietti, Chair, 06
Jimmy Morrill, 08
Clifford Small, 06

School Committee

Paul Lorenz, 06
George Dilworth, 06
David P. Ray, 08
Nicholas Sampson, 07

Timothy Wheaton, 06
Carolyn C. Penrose, 08
Dina Potter, 07

Yarmouth Water District Trustees

Erving H. Bickford, Chair
Irving Felker, Jr
Ralph Stevens
Superintendent, Robert MacKinnon, Jr.

William Reinsborough
Rosalyn Baston

Friends of Pratt's Brook Park

Geoff Shallard
Andy Smith-Petersen
Laurel Ladd
Dave Thomson
Marcia Noyes, Director Community Services

Phoebe Chandler
Gail Dyer
Josh Royte

Gateways Committee

Andrew Bertocci, 07
Erv Bickford, 08
Nan Kollias, 07
Linda Grant, 06
Town Council Liaison, Erv Bickford
Chamber of Commerce, Carolyn Schuster
Staff, Dan Jellis

Daniel J. Sheehan, 06
Edward F. Libby, 08
William Goddard, 06

Merrill Memorial Library Trustees

Angie Arndt, President
Thomas Reinsborough
Gro Flatebo
Joan Wilber

Michael Dubois
Anthony Merrill
Matt Wasielewski
Librarian, Nan Kollias

Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee

Bill Richards, Chair, 06
Peter Cheney, 08
Katherine Gentile, 08
Scott Bevins, 08
Erv Bickford, Town Council Liaison
Erik Street, Staff

Dave Adams, 08
Harley Lee, 07

Recycling Committee

Patti Bicknell, 08
Kathy Faulkner, 09
Albert Howlett, 07
Diane Nichols, 08
Mark Hough, Town Council Liaison
Erik Street, Staff

Erv Bickford, 07
Daniel Goodwin, 08
Rudy Naples, 09
Rick Thurston, 07

Board of Sewerage Appeals

David C. Skidgel, Chair, 07 - Charles H. Horstmann, 06 - David F. Tobiason, 08

Representative to Legislature
(Term exp. 12.3.08)

District 107
State Representative:
Hon. Richard G. Woodbury
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Yarmouth, ME 04096
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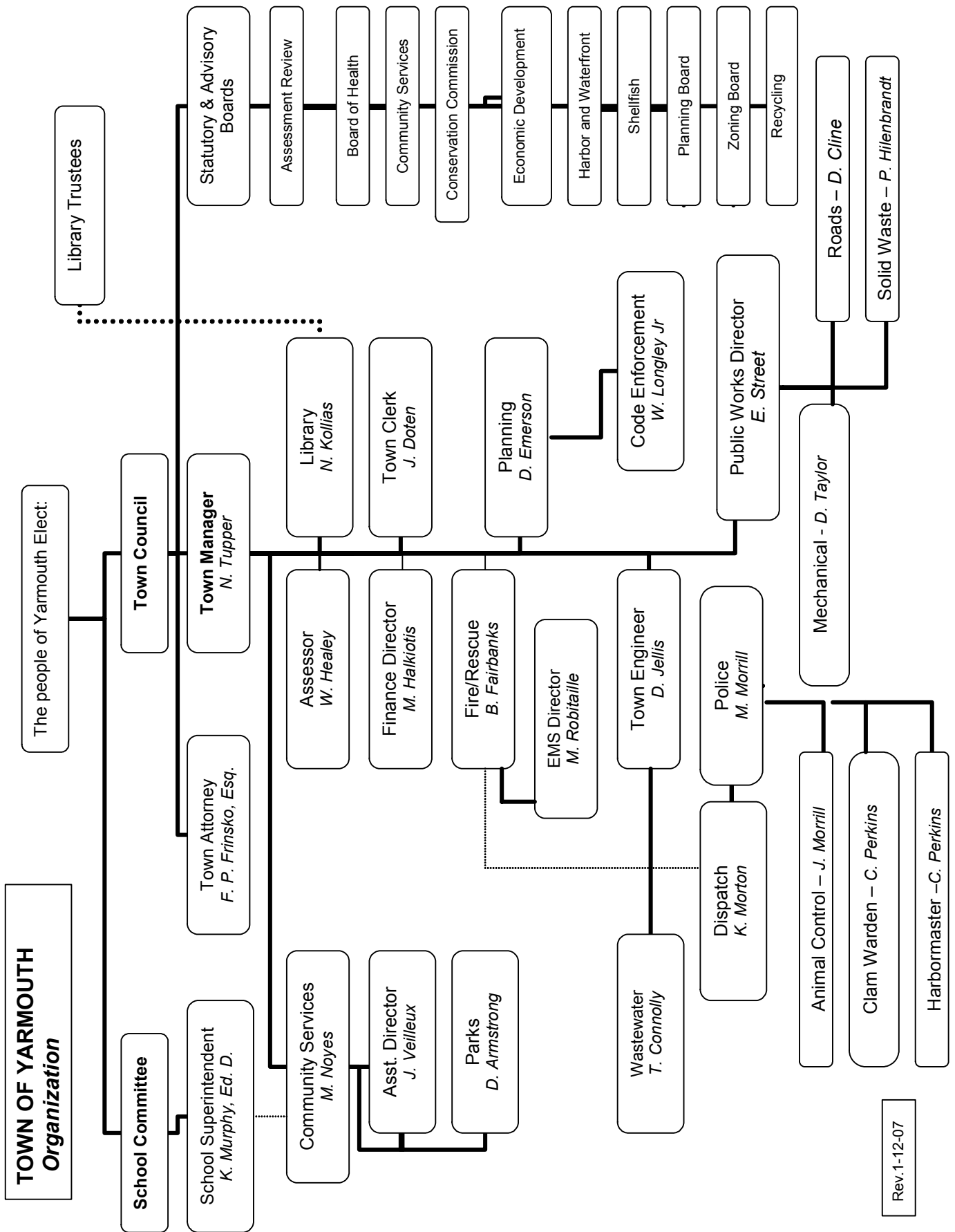
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Clyde "Bucket" Hynes

What is the best new thing or best change you
have seen in Yarmouth?

As a crossing guard on West Elm Street, Bucket thinks the traffic lights and the yellow blinking lights are the best new thing in town. He also wants to remind motorists to slow down in the school zones. He has been assisting children cross the streets for more than 20 years.



Report of the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is the keeper of the public records and responsible for all elections, both State and local along with the issuance of various licenses and the issuing, recording and maintaining of all vital records. As a service to the citizens we are an acceptance agent for the Passport Agency and offer Notary Public services.

The Clerk's office issued approximately 646 certified copies of vital records in 2006. Below is a statistical comparison of the vital records recorded in the Clerk's office over the past six years:

Vital Statistics	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Births	65	69	60	72	65	50
Deaths	125	114	131	81	113	128
Marriage	111	85	62	53	64	59

In June our voter turnout was 16%, 1,171 voters; In November we had a 60% voter turnout with 4,457 voters.

Voter Registration

Hereby submitted is the report of the Registrar for 2006.

As of December 31, 2006, Yarmouth had 7,265 voters on the voter list. It is important to notify the Registrar's office of any changes to your voter status. (846-9036)

The following is a tabulation of Yarmouth's registered voters after the November election:

Republicans	2,503
Democrats	2,214
Green Ind.	201
Unenrolled	2,347

Jennifer Doten, Registrar/Lorraine Sanford, Deputy

Licenses/permits issued during the Year

Shellfish Licenses:

Resident Recreational	139
Non-Resident Recreational	13
Resident Complimentary	54
Non-Resident Comp.	8
Commercial	8
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	554
Dog Licenses	843
Victualer Licenses	38
Special Amusement	5
Trailer Park	1
Passports	419

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Online services include:

Auto Renewal

Animal Licensing

Driver Licenses/ID Renewal

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

ATV/Snowmobile renewals

Want to get involved in the community?

Sign up online to be on one of our local committees/boards or contact the Town Clerk for more information.

They include: Harbor & Waterfront, Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Recycling, Shellfish, Friends of Pratt's Brook Park, Community Services Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, Gateways and more!

200 Main St ~ Yarmouth ~ ME 04096

Ph: 207-846-9036 ~ Fax 207-846-2403

Office Hours:

M & T 8-4:30, W & Th 9-6, Fri 9-1

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for the recording and managing of all financial transactions, revenue, and disbursements (including processing warrants and payroll); managing cash; providing monthly financial reports as well as the annual audited financial statements; and participating in the budget process. The Finance Department is also responsible for property tax collections, motor vehicle registrations, and collections of other fees. Our staff includes:

Nathaniel Tupper	Treasurer, Tax Collector
Maura Halkiotis	Finance Director
Mary Hill	Bookkeeper
Diane Klages	Payroll/AP Clerk, Motor Vehicle Agent
Pamela Cline	Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector
Ruth Bennett	Clerk

Financial highlights of the 2005-2006 fiscal year follow. Please see back section of this Annual Report for excerpts from the audited financial statements.

- The assets of the Town of Yarmouth exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$28.9 million (net assets). Of this amount, \$2.1 million (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. An additional portion of the Town's net assets (\$1.8 million) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The largest portion of the Town's net assets (86%) reflects its investment in capital assets less any related debt used to acquire those assets. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.
- Governmental activities resulted in an increase in the Town's net assets of \$2.9 million.
- The majority of the Town's revenues (73%) come from property taxes.
- GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) basis expenditures exceeded revenues in the General fund by \$295,000.
- Principal and interest payments on bonds and leases totaled more than \$3.5 million.
- As of June 30, 2006, the General fund held \$4.2 million in fund balances - \$1.4 million of which is available to the Town as undesignated fund balance. This is approximately 4.5% of total expenditures
- During fiscal year 2006, the Town increased its capital assets by:
 - Purchasing land along the Royal River. Funding for this purchase came from both the federal and state governments as well as donations from the private sector. This land is to be preserved as estuarial land and is available to the public for walking and other light recreational activities (\$803,000)
 - Investing in infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, storm drains, traffic signals, sewer lines and bridges (\$721,000)
 - Constructing buildings and building improvements (\$530,000)
 - Improving the Town's athletic fields (\$232,000)
 - Investing in vehicles, furniture and equipment (\$541,000)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

Yarmouth's economy continues to be strong with an unemployment rate well below both the State of Maine and the national average. Estimated median income for Yarmouth's 8,360 residents is about \$58,000 (based on the 2000 census).

Yarmouth's residential/commercial tax base was fairly consistent with the prior year with the exception of Florida Power & Light's Wyman Station. Per agreement, the value of this energy plant decreased by more than \$20 million dollars or 9.4%.

The 2006-2007 budget allows for an overall increase in expenditures of 4.5%. The tax rate is \$18.12 per thousand - a 3% increase over last year or 52 cents per thousand.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2006-2007	2005-2006	Vari- ance
Municipal Operating Expenditures	8,836,366	8,194,005	7.8%
Municipal Debt Service	1,379,143	1,362,581	1.2%
Subtotal- Municipal budget	10,215,509	9,556,586	6.9%
Education Operating Expenditures	15,685,403	14,911,422	5.2%
Education -Debt Service	2,032,621	2,166,192	-6.2%
Subtotal- Education budget	17,718,024	17,077,614	3.7%
Cumberland County Tax	775,490	785,370	-1.3%
DeLorme TIF Refund	144,222	131,638	9.6%
Overlay	176,731	218,736	-19.2%
Total Expenditures	29,029,976	27,769,944	4.5%
Municipal Revenues	3,536,092	3,563,792	-0.8%
Education Revenues	2,149,368	1,531,704	40.3%
Property Taxes	23,344,516	22,674,448	3.0%
Total Revenues	29,029,976	27,769,944	4.5%
Property Tax Base:			
Wyman Station	182,100,000	194,600,000	-6.4%
** ALL ELSE (less Homesteads)	1,095,002,900	1,082,495,100	1.2%
DeLorme Real Estate(TIF)	8,153,500	8,153,500	0.0%
DeLorme Personal Prop.(TIF)	3,072,300	3,072,300	0.0%
Tax Base	1,288,328,700	1,288,320,900	0.0%
Net Rate	\$ 17.99	\$ 17.43	3.2%
Overlay	0.13	0.17	-23.5%
Tax Rate	\$ 18.12	\$ 17.60	3.0%

Maura A. Halkiotis, CPA
Finance Director

Boat, ATV & SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS

The Town of Yarmouth is able to process boat, snowmobile and ATV registrations for Yarmouth residents. All motor boats used on the waters of Maine, with Maine as the state of principal use, must be registered in Maine with the following exceptions:

Watercrafts required to have a valid marine document as a watercraft of the United States.
Motorboats already registered under a federally approved registration system of another state, provided that the registration number is displayed on the boat and the motorboat has not been within Maine for more than 60 consecutive days.
Military or public watercraft, except recreational type watercraft of the US government.
A ship's lifeboat.
Motorboats from other countries provided that the boat is not within Maine over 60 consecutive days.
Motorboats used exclusively for racing purposes, which display in a prominent manner on their hulls, a valid boat number issued by a recognized racing association.

You can also register snowmobiles and ATVs on-line at www.yarmouth.me.us

As of January 2, 2002 under Maine law, **it is now illegal to:**

Transport ANY aquatic plant attached to a vehicle, boat, trailer, motor or fishing gear.
Launch a watercraft carrying an invasive aquatic plant on inland water.
Sell, grow, or introduce invasive aquatic plants.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife now issues Lake and River Protection stickers for a fee of \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresident, this is a mandatory sticker for all boats using fresh water. The sales of these stickers fund the prevention program to keep invasive plants out of Maine. For further information contact: Maine Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-452-1942 or visit their web site at www.mainedep.com.

Registration numbers must be displayed on all motorboats. Once a motorboat has been in Maine more than 60 consecutive days, it is subject to Maine registration requirements. All boats with motors are required to pay a registration fee and an excise tax.

The following is a breakdown of registrations processed by this office in 2006.

Boats	833
Snowmobiles	74
ATV's	67
Milfoil Stickers	349

Mary Hill, Municipal Agent

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Since the Town participates through a municipal program and not as a branch office, there are some limitations on the types of services we are able to provide. Residents may choose to pay only the excise tax to the Town and complete the registration process at a motor vehicle branch office.

Residents with a suspended license or needing to file an SR22 will need to pay their excise tax at the Town Hall and finish their registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The following documentation is required for new registrations: (Town Fee Collected \$4)

- ⇒ Proof of sales tax paid (green)/bill of sale
- ⇒ Title application (blue) signed title
- ⇒ Current insurance on the proper vehicle
- ⇒ Current mileage
- ⇒ Window sticker for the new vehicle which shows the MSRP: Manufactured Suggested retail price

The following documentation is required for re-registrations: (Town Fee Collected \$3)

- ⇒ Current insurance on the proper vehicle
- ⇒ Current mileage
- ⇒ Yellow registration

The Town has joined with the State of Maine in offering the Rapid Renewal program to its residents. The on-line renewal can be done at home using a computer (printer capability necessary). To directly access the program go to the State of Maine website www.sosonline.org and go to Rapid Renewal or through the Town of Yarmouth website, www.yarmouth.me.us. Residents will need to have their prior year's registration, proof of insurance and mileage. Payments can be made by debit, credit or e-check.

Yarmouth is authorized to issue the following types of plates at no extra fee:

Chickadee, Combination (used for passenger cars registering as commercial vehicles), Commercial, Trailer, Motorcycle, Motor Homes, Veteran, Purple Heart, Specialty plates (farm, tractor, special equipment), Antique Autos

For an additional \$20 the first year and \$15 every year after the following plates are available:

Black Bear, Lobster, Conservation, University of Maine

The following is a break down of the registrations processed through this office since 2003.

Diane M. Klages, Municipal Agent

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Re-registrations	4671	5572	5591	5251
New Registrations	1825	1829	1731	1560
Duplicates	152	150	150	170
Rapid Renewal	650	741	834	1020
Total Registrations	7298	8292	8306	8001
Town Fees	\$24,540	\$23,839	\$23,591	\$25,898
State Fees	\$345,010	\$343,592	\$335,930	\$310,164

UNPAID TAXES – REAL ESTATE*
2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2006– JUNE 30, 2007

7-9 WEST MAIN	2,569.42
AKERLEY ROBERT	1,858.21
ANNAS NANCY H*	
ANNAS HOLLIE M	1,682.80
ARSENAULT ELIZABETH	1,506.68
ATLANTIC CELLULAR	1,418.80
BARTER LOIS C	2,047.56
BLETHEN ROBERT W ETAL	1,337.26
BURGESS JAMES	2,886.52
BURGESS JAMES	3,818.79
BUXBAUM DONALD	2,172.64
CARR WILLIAM D	1,316.47
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,438.73
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,417.89
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,400.68
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,870.88
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,051.86
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,390.71
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,402.49
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,442.35
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,623.54
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,156.05
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,451.40
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,071.79
COLE FARM BARN LLC	5,343.59
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,469.53
COLE FARM BARN LLC	1,491.28
COMPTON DENISE	2,092.86
COWAN SANDRA J	1,460.47
DODDS LAUREL	1,433.29
DOUGHTY RUTH B	1,058.21
DUPONT GLADYS A	4,189.35
DUPONT GLADYS A &	4,246.42
MACLEAN RUTH A DUPONT	
FALCONE JOSEPH J	1,000.23
FAULKNER FRANCIS	1,508.49
FRAWLEY JEAN M	99.66
FUSCHETTI GERALD MARK	252.78
FUSCHETTI GERALD MARK	255.49
FUSCHETTI GERALD MARK	258.21
GRANT LAWRENCE &	2,594.79
GRANT STEVEN & VICTORIA	109.63
HANSON PAULA M	1,557.42
HINCKS ROBERT T JR	1,401.58
JOHNSTON FAMILY 1	1,490.53
KENNEDY MICHAEL A	1,610.37
KENNEDY WANDA J	
L'HEUREUX MICHAEL F	1,432.39
LINDEMANN MARGUERITE	1,635.33
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	116.88
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	86.07

MIANE CENTRAL RAILROAD	335.22
MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD	821.74
MANSFIELD HILARY J & DESIMONE DANIEL J (JT)	1,403.40
MITCHELL CHARLES T MITCHELL ALLYSON	1,338.16
PAYSON CAROLD	2,662.74
POWELL WAYNE M	3,048.69
RICH CECILY E	159.89
SAVAGE STEPHEN A SAVAGE CAROL LYNN	3,351.30
SEAL LANE LLC	7,506.21
SIMS CHRISTOPHER	40.74
SMITH RAND	1,134.31
THEBEAU SANDRA R	4,332.49
TIBBETTS MARY	1,233.07
WALDRON WILLIAM	11,799.75
WALLS MARY F	2,461.60
WELCH MARY H	1,224.91
WERNER JONATHAN R WERNER REBECCA STETSON	4,321.62
WOODWORTH J GORDON	90.60

REPORT TOTALS	148,794.81
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****The taxpayers listed above were the owners of record on the tax assessment date of April 1, 2006. The listed taxpayer may have sold or transferred his or her interests to a new owner subsequent to April 1, 2006. The new owner(s) name will appear on tax accounts assessed about April 1, 2007.***

**UNPAID TAXES
PERSONAL PROPERTY*
2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2006– JUNE 30, 2007**

BOSTON HAIR COMPANY	57.99
BUXBAUM BUILDERS	67.95
CABINET SHOP THE	18.12
CADY LINDA L ATTORNEY	12.69
COMPUTER FRIENDLY S	67.95
CURVES	19.33
DAYS CRABMEAT CO	70.67
FRANKS TOWING SERVICE	90.60
GREETINGS	226.50
HOME CONSTRUCTION	66.14
HOMEWARD DESIGN INC	19.93
HOUSE OF ORIENTAL RUGS	12.69
HOWARD JOHN	81.54
MARRINAN POLARITY THE	36.24
NIFTY GIFTS RETAIL TOYS	18.12
PR RESOURCE	90.60

PRISTINE GARDENS	72.48
RICE FRANCES	18.12
WALTMAN & COMPANY INC	72.48
YARMOUTH BEVERAGE	108.72

TOTALS	1,228.96
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UNPAID TAXES – TAX LIENS*
2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2005– JUNE 30, 2006

Barter, Lois & Howell Mildred	4189.80
Burgess James	1344.34
Grant Lawrence	155.18
Grant Steven &	196.78
Hanson William	757.24
Hincks Robert	1437.44
Horse Shoe Cra	3281.70
Lindemann Marguerite W	3355.08
Maine Central Railroad	217.99
Maine Central Railroad	722.49
Maine Central Railroad	280.37
Maine Central Railroad	1707.65
Powell Wayne M & Andrea D	6216.98
Tibbetts Mary L	1269.87

Total Due	\$22,931.91
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UNPAID TAXES
PERSONAL PROPERTY*
2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2005– JUNE 30, 2006

Boston Hair company	246.40
Cabinet Shop	105.60
Carr Brothers LLC	176.00
CDW Leasing LLC	10.56
Computer Friendly Services	132.00
Susan Cook	17.60
Encapsule Systems	211.20
Franks Towing Service	176.00
Greetings	440.00
Howard John	158.40

Marrinan Marilee Polarity Therapy	20.55
Massey Donald T PA	22.88
Meier Martin W Designer	88.00
Miller Jennifer DO	96.80
Nifty Gifts Retail Toys	35.20
Pineapple Perfection LTD	105.60
PR Resource	176.00
Pristine Gardens	140.80
Rice Frances	35.20
Royal River Lawn & Landscape	220.00
State Farm Insurance	73.92

Total Due	\$3,11.11
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UNPAID TAXES – TAX LIENS
2004/2005 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

NONE

Unpaid Taxes – Personal Property
Prior Years

BOSTON HAIR COMPANY	877.99
CADY LINDA L ATTORNEY	286.08
CARR BROTHERS LLC	87.20
CDW LEASING LLC	12.04
COOK SUSAN	28.94
FRANKS TOWING SERVICE	174.40
GREETINGS	608.00
HOWARD JOHN	156.96
MILLER JENNIFER DO	47.96
PR RESOURCE	471.25
PRISTINE GARDENS	139.52
RICE FRANCES	52.08

REPORT TOTALS	3,462.02
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Assessor's Annual Report

William H. Healey, C.M.A. Town Assessor

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The Town Assessor, acting as an agent of the State, governed by State statute and local management policy, is responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership, and the equitable valuation of taxable real estate and personal property located in the Town of Yarmouth.

This department maintains permanent records setting forth title information, descriptions of land and buildings, the valuation of all properties (taxable and exempt), tax maps showing lot size, lists of all personal property used in trade and manufacturing. Accurate record keeping of the property record cards, tax maps, deeds and transfer documents from the State is ongoing. Change in title from the deeds and declaration of value are processed on a monthly basis. Land splits and new subdivisions are tracked and recorded on all of the proper documents, i.e. property record cards (hard copy and computer copy) and tax maps.

Property Tax Relief and Property Tax Exemptions

There are reimbursement programs and various exemptions offered by the State and administered by the Assessor's Office, which may be applied to real estate and personal property valuations.

Maine Residents Property Tax Program

For residents whose taxes are high relative to their income, the state makes a partial reimbursement of taxes to those who qualify. Forms must be filed with State by May 31 of each year for property taxes payable in the previous calendar year. The forms become available through the State and at the Assessor's Office in August each year.

Veterans Exemption (Title 36, M.S.R.A. Section 653)

Any U.S. Veteran who actively served during a federally recognized war, including those honorably discharged or retired, and at least 62 years of age may be eligible for a partial tax exemption on their primary residence. Veterans receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for a total disability, either service or non-service connected may also qualify. A widow, minor or mother of a deceased veteran may also qualify for an exemption. Applications may be obtained at the assessors office and must be filed with a copy of the military discharge papers, such as a DD214, drivers license and birth certificate on or before April 1 of that year.

For veterans of WWII and later engagements, the exemption is \$5,000.

- For veterans serving in WWI, the exemption is \$7,000.

Paraplegic veterans can obtain an exemption of \$47,500 towards specially adapted housing.

(The exemption is adjusted by the certified ratio if it drops below 100%)

Homestead Exemption (Title 36, M.S.R.A. Section 683)

Homeowners, whose principal residence is Maine, are eligible for an exemption on their property assessment. The exemption is \$13,000 for all qualified properties. This exemption is also adjusted by the certified ratio (if it drops below 100%). Applications may be obtained at the Assessor's Office. In order to qualify for the exemption, the applicant must meet the following requirements.

The applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Maine.
The homestead must be for permanent place of residence.
The applicant must have owned the property for at least twelve months prior to April 1, of the year for which the application is made.

Those who qualify do not need to reapply each year. It will apply to qualified property owners until they sell, move or the State changes the program.

Blind Exemption (Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 654)

Yarmouth residents certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional or the Department of Education Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired may file for an exemption of \$4,000 towards their real estate assessment. (The exemption is adjusted by the certified ratio if it drops below 100%).

Assessment and Tax Information 2005/2006

Tax Rate: \$17.60 per thousand dollars of valuation

Due Dates: November 9, 2005 & May 3, 2006

Interest Rate: 7.75%

Fiscal Year: July 1 to June 30

Assessment Date: April 1, 2005

Commitment Date: August 30, 2005

Assessment Ratio: 100%

Total Valuation: \$1,288,320,900

**2005/2006 Property
Tax Levy:** \$22,674,448

**Commercial /
Institutional Property:** \$352,132,700 – 27% of tax base

**Residential
Property:** \$896,640,200 – 70% of tax base

**Personal
Property:** \$39,548,000 - 3% of tax base



Alfreda Thurston

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Alfreda remembers the beautiful Elm trees which lined streets in Yarmouth. The Elms were taken down because of the Dutch Elm disease. "When I was in school, I walked two miles from school to my home on Princes Point and passed by seven houses – now there are more than 30 houses on my street. I retired after 22 years in the school lunch program. Our Yarmouth schools are the best."

Yarmouth Department of Planning and Development

Dawn Emerson, AICP, Director of Planning and Development
William Longley, Jr, Code Enforcement Officer, Building & Plumbing Inspector
Pamela McGuinness, Administrative Assistant

Planning helps community members envision the direction their community will grow and will help them find the right balance of new development and essential services, protection of the environment, and innovative change.

The staff provides administrative, technical and professional services for meetings of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. This includes ensuring the successful coordination of applications to the Planning Board and follow through with the Codes Enforcement Division of the Department to ensure desired built outcomes. These boards and committees are made up of volunteers who have taken on the responsibility of making decisions important to the future of Yarmouth in terms of community character, economic development and environmental impacts. Decisions that will affect the quality of life for residents and business owners alike.

The department administers building, electrical, plumbing and shoreland development permits as well as assists applicants preparing for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals submissions. In an attempt to incorporate regional opportunities and impacts in its work, the Department coordinates with neighboring towns, the State Planning Office, the State Department of Environmental Protection, the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) and the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (PACTS).

The Department also enjoys a close relationship with Assessing, Community Services, Fire, Police and Public Works and Engineering, as it seeks to integrate future land use needs and desires through a multi-disciplined approach.

In 2006, the Board met 26 times not including site walks. During these meetings 6 major site plans, 2 minor site plans, 5 subdivision and 10 shoreline applications were reviewed.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met seven times in 2006 and acted upon ten applications. The Board granted one Special Exception for conversion from single family use to multi family use, one Special Exception Setback Reduction request, and two Mislocated Building requests.

Code Enforcement Permits Issued in 2006

218 Building Permits	\$ 52,030.59
214 Electrical Permits	\$ 17,337.27
112 Plumbing Permits	\$ 8,789.50

3 New Homes built in 2006

We welcome your questions regarding your property or land use in Yarmouth and encourage you to contact us at the number or email listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Emerson AICP,
Director of Planning and Development

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demerson@yarmouth.me.us or wlongley@yarmouth.me.us

Yarmouth Town Engineer

It is with pleasure that I submit the following reports for the Town Engineer, the Town Gateway Committee and Water Pollution Control Division.

The Town Engineer provides engineering and technical support to Town departments and citizen committees and boards. Primary services include project management, design, construction inspection services with Public Works Department and technical review and inspection of site plans and new subdivisions processed by the Planning Department.

Town Engineering Project Highlights Include:

- ◆ State DEP approval of Revolving Loan Funds (SRF) for much of the work planned with the \$1.75 million voter approved borrowing. The SRF enables a 2% reduction of interest costs for the borrowing. SRF projects started in 2006 include:
 - ◆ Newell and Deacon Road sewer, drainage and road paving project. Construction was substantially complete by year end. A house-to-house survey and close work with the neighbors resulted in the removal of many sump pump discharges to the sewer system and a new drainage system that is available for others.
 - ◆ Princes Point Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Extension. Permitting and design were completed and construction started.
 - ◆ Cousins Island Sand Filter Plant improvements and outfall extension. Construction started.
- ◆ Route 1 Pathway: Construction completed on new pathway from Forest Falls Drive to Hannaford Plaza and from East Main Street ramp to Big Apple Car Wash.
- ◆ Portland St Phase II paving and new sidewalk: Completed design and construction of new paving and sidewalk on Portland Street from Winding Way to West Elm Street.
- ◆ Design and construction of drainage and road improvements in Rainbow Farms
- ◆ Subdivision projects inspected and nearly completed at year end: High Winds on Broad Cove off of Princes Point Road and Littlejohn Shores on Littlejohn Island
- ◆ Stormwater Permit: Summer intern completed mapping stormwater outfalls and conducted dry weather inspections: no non-stormwater discharges found.
- ◆ Joint North Yarmouth Sewer Study: Town received \$10,000 Governor's Grant and completed feasibility study of joint sewer service with North Yarmouth.

Septic System Replacement Subsidy Program: 19 systems were upgraded or connected to Town sewer and \$ 87,075 of subsidy funds granted.

Gateways Committee:

The Gateways Committee was formed in 2001 to advise the Council, after collecting public input, on the appearance and function of major transportation gateways to Yarmouth. Its mission is to identify and promote gateways that preserve and enhance an inviting sense of small hometown community, visual and aesthetic attractiveness, and safe and friendly function.

The committee met 7 times in 2006. Highlights in 2006 included:

- Review of road signage. Committee conducted survey of all road gateways into Yarmouth and presence and condition of Yarmouth welcome signs and Business Directional Signs. The committee focused on the need for more attractive Welcome to Yarmouth signs. They were reviewing sign designs at year end.
- Completion of a total of 16 designer crosswalks on Main Street using \$10,000 MDOT Gateway grant and donated funds raised by the Friends of the Village.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Jellis, Town Engineer

Water Pollution Control Division 2006

Personnel

In July 2006, Superintendent Michael Crosby resigned his position to become the Information Technology Director in Cumberland. Michael, a twenty five year veteran, had guided the Pollution Control Dept. into the 21st century with innovative uses of computer technology. We are grateful for his contributions and wish him well in his new career. Thomas Connolly, Chief Operator, has been promoted to Superintendent and Brian Leighton promoted to Chief Operator such that the Department is in good hands for the future.

PRINCES POINT ROAD TREATMENT FACILITY PERFORMANCE

Plant Flow is greatly impacted by precipitation and infiltration and inflow (I/I) entering the sewer system during storm events. Once again 2006 precipitation events were of a higher intensity and duration than previous years such that 2006 was the second wettest year on record at the National Weather Service. The table below shows annual flows for the year 2006.

Since the start-up of the upgraded facilities in September of 1993, we have successfully treated over 3.8 billion gallons of wastewater.

Plant Discharge Quality: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removal rates were 98% and 97% respectively for the year. The actual biological constituents in the plant's discharge were well below allowed limits in 2006. However, the high flows in 2006 caused the plant to exceed daily maximum limits of TSS on only 1 day. The following table summarizes plant flows and loads:

Plant Performance		Allowed		<u>2006 Actual</u>	
Flow	Total for the year	--		329,290,000 gallons	
Flow	Monthly Average	1.31 MGD		0.902 MGD	
Flow	Daily Maximum	Report Only		2.748 MGD	
BOD	Monthly Average	210 lbs./day	30 mg/l	32 lbs./day	4 mg/l
BOD	Daily Maximum	350 lbs./day	50 mg/l	250 lbs./day	30 mg/l
TSS	Monthly Average	210 lbs./day	30 mg/l	41 lbs./day	5 mg/l
TSS	Daily Maximum	350 lbs./day	50 mg/l	591 lbs./day	45 mg/l
Coliform	Monthly Average	15/100 ml		1/100 ml	
Coliform	Daily Maximum	50/100 ml		5/100 ml	

State Revolving Loan Fund Facilitates Plant and Newell Road Improvements

Plant Outfall Extension: The plant has periodically exceeded its license limit for copper. The last exceedance was in 2002. However, the copper limit permitted by DEP will become more restrictive in 2007. The approved State Revolving Loan Fund will fund an extension of the plant's outfall in the Royal River. At 2006 year end, design and permitting had been completed for the project and construction was underway. The outfall extension will eliminate the current discharge that is exposed at low tide and will extend the pipe to a diffused discharge across the navigation channel buried under the riverbed. The new outfall will always be submerged and the plant discharge will be more thoroughly mixed with river water at all tides. The increase in dilution should eliminate any future exceedance of ambient water quality concentrations or license limits of priority pollutants.

A new 5 year Discharge Permit was written by DEP reflecting the improvements in water quality resulting directly from the Town's efforts.

Work began in the Newell Road neighborhood this fall to replace and improve the old catch basin and drainage system. An added bonus of the project was the removal of sump pumps from the sewer line. These were then properly connected to the new drainage culvert system. Fair weather allowed the contractor to work later into the fall season than expected. Work will resume in early spring and culminate in new paving for the neighborhood.

BIOSOLIDS PRODUCTION AND COMPOSTING

Total volume of compost produced and distributed was 3571 cubic yards in 2006. Using wood-ash has been a great success in achieving desired compost pile temperatures with a secondary benefit of reduced odors. Since we've started using wood-ash amendment, the finished product has been in more demand than ever with no odor complaints. We are anticipating the arrival of a compost mixer during the late winter months to further enhance the recycling benefits achieved by composting. A greater degree of efficiency and process control will be realized using the mixer, resulting in a more consistent product.

FREE SEPTIC PUMPING PROGRAM

The Town of Yarmouth has a program which allows all residential property owners with septic tanks to have their septic tanks pumped free of charge every 3 years. The Town keeps record of properties that have septic systems with subsurface disposal or with connection to a low-pressure sewer. Each spring, we send notices to all eligible property owners that their tank or tanks are due for pumping. Homeowners are required to contact one of two contracted septic tank pumping companies to schedule their free pumping. In 2006, the Town notified 250 property owners that they were eligible for their free pumping and total septic waste received was 236,000 gallons.

STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FACILITATES SEAMEADOWS TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

The Wastewater Division operates a septic tank and sand filter treatment system that serves 40 homes on Cousins Island.

Plant Flow: The plant frequently exceeds its rated weekly flow capacity due to I/I in the sewer system. The crew has diligently attempted to remove extraneous flows entering the facility by using closed circuit camera in the pipelines to find leaks or breaks.

Manholes and pipelines have been replaced, surveys have been conducted in search of illegal sump pump connections, etc.

The plant's DEP flow limit was 12,000 gallons per day (gpd), weekly average. In 2006, as part of an upgrade to the facility funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund a new Discharge Permit was issued by DEP. Based on the recorded ability of the sand filter to treat wastewater effectively, even at increased flow rates from infiltration, the new permit was issued allowing up to 28,000 gallons per day of treated effluent to be discharged in a time frame 2 hours before and two hours after high tide. The Wastewater Division will continue trying to isolate and remove sources of extraneous water entering the system.

SEWER FLUSHING

The Division has a formal program that provides high-pressure cleaning of all the Town's sewers on a three year cycle. In 2006 the summer flushing crew cleaned 84,000 linear feet, or about 16 miles (43%) of the estimated 40 miles of gravity sewer. This required 87,000 gallons of water that was recycled from the treatment plant on Princes Point Road. A total of 3.5 cubic yards of solid debris was removed from gravity sewers. This versatile crew also provided assistance at various times to the set up, cleanup and dismantling of vendor booths at the Clam Festival.

PUMP STATION UPGRADES

The Town has a significant investment of capital in its wastewater infrastructure. With 30 pump stations and nearly 40 miles of gravity sewers, preventative maintenance is key to the efficient operation of the system. Once again, we will be rehabilitating some of the older pump stations that have reached the end of their calculated life span. The Oakwoods Pump Station, Rainbow Farms Pump Station and the Princes Point Pump Station are slated for rebuilding starting in early spring of 2007. All are expected to operate for a 20 year span, with preventative maintenance applied through that time frame to enable trouble free operation.

CALL OUTS

Division on-call operator(s) responded to emergency after hour calls as follows:

Callout Reason:	2006
Mechanical Problems	7
Power Failure	27
Plugged Sewer	4
High Flow Event	11
Homeowners' sewer Issue	3
Other (false alarms, etc.)	14
Total Callouts	66

Future Issues and Capital Needs

As laws and rules pertaining to wastewater treatment become more restrictive, operating costs for the facilities increases. New technology addresses the need for better and more efficient operations demanded by new laws. Future issues of replacing equipment as its effective operational life ends will be a constant presence. Replacement funding will be a topic ever present as the wastewater system nears the end of its 20 year design life span. The Royal River water quality has improved through the efforts of the people of the Town of Yarmouth. With careful planning and investment in the infrastructure, compliance with new, more restrictive laws governing wastewater treatment will enable the Royal River to continue to provide Yarmouth residents with an exceptional opportunity to create a legacy for future generations to come.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Connolly, Superintendent, Water Pollution Control Division

Dan Jellis, Town Engineer

Yarmouth Public Works Department

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Yarmouth Public Works Department is to improve the quality of life by providing essential services to insure the maintenance, improvement and protection of the Town's infrastructure and natural resources.”

To the Citizens of Yarmouth:

On behalf of the Highway, Transfer & Recycling, and Vehicle Maintenance Departments, I am happy to present our 2006 annual report. This year has been a busy year for the departments and a lot has been accomplished.

Highway

A total of 1.27 miles of the Town's 63 miles of public roads were reconstructed in 2006. Along with the reconstruction work, the Town overlaid .61 miles and installed finish paving on .20 miles of street left over from last year. In addition to the street work, the Town also rebuilt 2585' of sidewalk, overlaid 2025' of existing sidewalk and built 2100' of new sidewalk. This resulted in over 6000 tons of pavement being placed in Yarmouth.

MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2005/06

Rainbow Farms - Reconstruction
Upland Avenue - Reconstruction
Madison Drive - Reconstruction
Shoreview Road – Finish Pavement
Evergreen & Lone Pine – Shim & Overlay
Willow Street – Shim & Overlay
Portland Street – Reconstruction
Maplewood Avenue – Reconstruction
Little John Island Road – Front side
Ledge Road – Reconstruction & Overlay

Projects funded in 2006-07 that will be started or completed in 08

Talbot Road and sections of Little John Island Road
East Main Street – Spring to Willow

Projects completed by the Highway Dept. In 2006

The Yarmouth Highway Department has had a very busy season as well. As part of our road maintenance program, each year they :

- ◆ clean 1109 catch basins,
- ◆ sweep 63 miles of roads,
- ◆ 22 miles of sidewalks
- ◆ The department was also responsible for installing approximately 900' of new drainage,
- ◆ repairing 17 catch basins and
- ◆ cleaning over 1 mile of ditches.

Winter Maintenance

The winter season produced 46" of snow. The Highway Crews were out a total of 33 times and used 1521 tons of salt and 376 CY's of sand. The first storm event was recorded on November 23rd, 2005 and the last storm event was recorded on March 9th, 2006. Total storm hours for season – 233hrs

Transfer & Recycling Facility

The Transfer & Recycling Center had a very successful year. We have a new facility superintendent, Philip Hildebrandt, who is very excited about continuing to make this a true recycling center and together with the citizens of Yarmouth, the Town has produced a 75. %+ recycling rate. The following is a break down of materials collected at the facility:

2004/05 Amounts

Bulky Waste	Shingles	Metal	Card-board	Chip Board	Plastic	Tires	Waste Motor Oil	Anti-Freeze	Batter-ies	CFC Refrigerant
345.84	215.40	218.59	106	37.68	25	15.55	4300	250	300	16.38
Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Gal	Gal	each	Tons

The Town produced 3330. tons of trash which was taken to Regional Waste Systems in 04/05.

If you should have any questions about these departments or projects, please call 846-4917.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik S. Street – Director of Public Works

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?



Mary Estelle Blake said "The roads! Now they are not bad. In the Spring years ago for about three weeks we had to lug everything from Sisquisic to Bayview. The roads were so muddy that you couldn't drive on them. Sometimes we had to harness up horses and wagons to lug things both ways. "

Recycling Committee

The Town of Yarmouth Recycling Committee was established on September 15th 2005. It is an advisory committee of interested citizens who review and recommend policies, procedures, facilities and contracts to promote cost effective, environmentally sound and sustainable solid waste management practices for the Yarmouth Community.

The Recycling Committee is made up of 7 members; Patti Bicknell – Chair, Albert Howlett, Diane Nichols, Rudy Naples, Daniel Goodwin, Kathy Faulkner and Rick Thurston. The Committee's council liaison is Erv Bickford.

Since January of 2005, the committee has been focusing on ways to increase recycling. The following is some of the things the committee has accomplished to date:

- Sent out a survey to apartment complexes and condo associations seeking information on their recycling habits.
- Held a public meeting with guest speakers from Eco-Maine and the State Planning Office to introduce residents to Yarmouth's recycling programs.
- Formed a relationship with the Yarmouth High School Environmental Club and are now working together to increase recycling at the schools.
- Attended a 4th grade science fair to promote recycling.
- Provided a recycling presentation to the 4th grade class to educate students about recycling.
- Introduced a mascot design contest to the 4th grade class to develop a recycling mascot for Yarmouth.
- Took a tour of the Eco-Maine facility in Westbrook to get a better understanding how Yarmouth's trash and recyclables are handled, now and in the future.
- Evaluated and designed some new signage for the transfer station
- Participated in the Universal Waste Collection programs.

The committee is committed to promoting recycling and reducing the amount of trash Yarmouth Residents throw away. If you are interested in learning more about the Recycling Committee, Transfer Station / Recycling Center, or one of the many collection or recycling programs offered by the Town, visit the Town web site at www.yarmouth.me.us

Yarmouth Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee

The Council established the Bike & Pedestrian Safety Committee in January of 2001 as a citizen's task force steering committee. Its primary charge was to explore the possibility of extending the Beth Condon Pathway from Forest falls drive to Freeport. This committee became a standing committee in 2003 and has worked hard to accomplish the following:

- Completed a feasibility study on extending the Beth Condon Pathway to Freeport.
- Obtained funding from the State for Phase 1 of this extension.
- Worked to make the construction of Phase 1 of the pathway extension a reality
- Secured funds from the "Safe Routes to School" program from the State and built the project.
- Working on obtaining funds for phase II of the pathway extension project.
- Worked to implement a bicycle safety program in the elementary school.
- Worked to have a bike rally in Yarmouth - July of 2006.
- Will help review the Comprehensive Plan
- Worked to identify needs and concerns as projects come before the Town for review
- Developed a universal trail symbol for marking Public Ways which are now being used

The Director of Public Works supplies support and guidance for this committee while Councilor Erv Bickford serves as the Council Liaison.

Yarmouth Police Department

Mission Statement

***The Mission of the Yarmouth Police Department
is to work with all citizens of the community
to create a safe and secure environment with the emphasis on
equality, fairness, and professionalism.***

I, Michael E. Morrill, Chief of Police for the Town of Yarmouth, hereby submit the following Annual Report of the Yarmouth Police Department and Communications Center.

Calendar Year 2006 was once again productive for the police department. Officers vigorously pursued law enforcement activities inside as well as outside the boundaries of the Town of Yarmouth.

Annual statistics in the crimes against persons categories, homicides, rapes, robberies and assaults, decreased slightly as compared with last year. Crimes against property, burglary, vehicle thefts, property thefts and arson were also down. Computer, forgery, vandalism, and harassment offenses were on the rise and these investigations continue to be highly involved requiring many man hours and assets to investigate. Requests for overall police services were up from 2005.

Crimes against Persons

Homicide	0
Rape	3
Robbery	2

Assault	25
Threatening /	7
Terrorizing	
Harassment	62
Other Sex Offenses	1

Crimes against Property

Burglary	16
Theft	85
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Arson	1
Criminal Mischief	83
Fraud	27

Other Offenses

Criminal Trespass	7
Drug Law Violations	14
Liquor Law Violations	9
Animal Complaints	545
All Other Complaints	25

Property Losses

Stolen Property	\$ 99,968
Vandalism	\$ 11,908
Recovered Property	\$ 33,477

Assists to Other Depts.	196
Disturbance Complaints	190
Alarms/Residential/Business	412
Radar Assignments	342
Calls for Service	10,663

Motor Vehicle Offenses

Motor Vehicle Stops	2,573
Summonses Issued	589
Written Warnings Issued	1,880
Operating Under the Influence	17
Operating After Suspension	30
Motor Vehicle Accidents/Injury	56
Motor Vehicle Accidents/NoInjury	243
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0
Parking Tickets	349

Criminal Summonses/Arrests

Adult Males	105
Adult Females	45
Juvenile Males	13
Juvenile Females	5

<u>TOTAL CRIMINAL SUMMONSES and ARRESTS</u>	168
<u>TOTAL OFFENSES</u>	913

Traffic related issues continue to be of major concern for the department. Although the number of traffic accidents decreased slightly, traffic violations were on the increase. In its sixth year of success, the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program continued its service to the community with officers completing over 300 Designated Traffic Patrols proving the program to be instrumental as a deterrent to traffic violations, and providing safer neighborhoods.

The Communications Center marked its one-year anniversary in August of the combining of dispatching services with the Town of Cumberland. Our partnership has been a success and we hope to continue this relationship into the future. The Communications Center now handles dispatching services for two police departments, three fire and EMS departments, and three public works departments. During calendar year 2006, the center handled just over 22,000 calls for service for these agencies.

All personnel continued with in-service training in all areas of law enforcement and communications. Beyond the mandatory training required by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Firearms, Law Updates, Review of Mandated Policy, Homeless Awareness and Drug Impairment, other areas of elective training included: Basic Evidence Collection, Underage Drinking Enforcement, Response to Active Shooter, National Incident Management System and Emergency Medical Dispatch. Altogether, police and communications employees completed over 1,340 hours of dedicated in-service training.

Highlights of the Year

Joshua Robinson was hired to fill a vacancy within the department. Joshua is a member of the U.S. Army National Guard 133rd. Engineer Battalion. He is a veteran of the war in Iraq having served during 2004 – 2005. He holds an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Southern Maine Community College.

Charles Perkins relinquished the position of Marine Patrol Officer to transfer back to patrol. He served in this position for the past three and a half years. In January of 2007, Officer Perkins will be replaced by Officer Michael Peacock.

The department's police dog, *Sultan*, and his handler, Officer Micheal Vogel, completed 320 hours of Narcotics Detection Certification training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Officer Vogel and *Sultan* have successfully assisted many other police agencies with tracks, finding evidence, and drug searches.

The department received a grant from the Bureau of Highway Safety to provide funding for the installation of computers in the police cars. The computers allow officers to connect to our in-house computer system to complete offense and arrest reports, but it also allows them to check driver's license and vehicle registrations through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles directly from the car. Because of this grant we were able to purchase \$ 21,000 worth of computers for \$ 6,500.

The Bureau of Highway Safety once again selected the Yarmouth Police Department to participate in a State and National Safety Belt Education and Enforcement Program. The department received \$ 1,200 from BHS to use as overtime to target seatbelt violators. Our directed patrols were designed and deployed to reflect high traffic periods where seatbelt issues were most prominent. During this enforcement period, 45 citations for seatbelt violations were issued.

In December, the Yarmouth Communications Center lost its ability to directly answer in-coming 9-1-1 calls. Under a State mandate, towns were required to consolidate the number of 9-1-1 centers or Public Safety Answering Points, also known as PSAPS. Statewide, the mandate required the number of PSAPS to be reduced from 48 to between 16 and 24. The Towns of Cumberland, Freeport, and Yarmouth chose to consolidate with the Town of Brunswick, at no additional cost to our taxpayers. 9-1-1 calls are now answered by Brunswick Police Department and are then forwarded to the Yarmouth Communications Center for processing.

The Police Department, in partnership with the Yarmouth Fire Department, received a federal grant for the purchase and installation of equipment so that our conference room could be converted to an Incident Command Center in the event of a disaster or a situation that would require extended hours of crisis management functions by department heads.

All police and communications personnel completed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training. NIMS training prepares emergency responders at all levels to work together more effectively to manage domestic incidents no matter what the event, size, or complexity.

The Department "Reassurance Program" celebrated 11 years of service to the community. We currently have 33 members participating. The program exists for senior citizens living alone or who may be in need of medical assistance. The department provides daily contact with our elder residents to check on their well being.

During the April Public Safety Banquet, Letters of Commendations were given to the following employees for outstanding performance in the line-of-duty: Officers Roger Moore and Michael Peacock, Communications Officer Timothy Hall.

The Administrative Award of Merit for outstanding accomplishment which resulted in improved administration, operation, community relations, or contribution toward substantial savings in manpower and / or operations costs was given to Sgt. Daniel Gallant.

Commendations of Merit for outstanding initiative in police service demonstrating perseverance, intuition in the field of investigation and arrest were awarded to: Officers Roger Moore, Paul Martin, and Kevin Pedersen

Distinguished Unit Citations were awarded to Officers Paul Martin and Bruce Flanders for outstanding accomplishments.

The Yarmouth Police Department said goodbye to valued employee Kristen Kloth. Happily though, we welcomed Joshua Robinson, Ryan Martin, Lee Ruby, and Michael Lamontagne.

On behalf of the officers and staff of the Yarmouth Police Department, I wish to once again express our gratitude and continued support to our brothers and sisters in Yarmouth, and the surrounding public safety departments as well. The continued support, dedication and devotion to public service of all the police, fire and EMS personnel have contributed greatly to the success and accomplishments of the Yarmouth Police Department. Collectively, we thank you, the residents and citizens of these communities for allowing us the privilege *To Protect and Serve*.

Respectfully submitted,

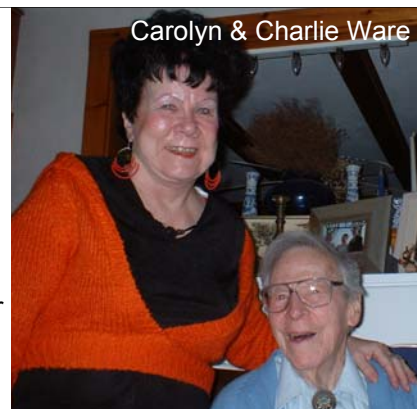
Michael E. Morrill

Chief of Police

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Charlie thought that the best change was when the pipe line was installed to carry the flood waters under Main Street. He remembered when the buildings along Main Street would be flooded every year.

Carolyn said now there are more restaurants, more shops and stores to go to. She could remember when she pushed the carriage with her daughter and walked all over town. Now, she said "There's too much traffic, and this town is now like a city."





During the 2006 boating season, the Harbor and Waterfront Committee addressed several important issues which included the planned expansion of the Madeleine Point facility, applying for special anchorage status from the United States Coast Guard, vessel size regulations for the Royal River Anchorage and newly-enacted float regulations. The Committee also approved the installation of a new information kiosk at the Town Landing, and approved penalties for launch fee scofflaws.

At Madeleine Point, eight new parking spaces were added to the facility and the Harbor and Waterfront Committee also voted to install a dock and floats at the site. The additional parking spaces will eventually enable the Town to accommodate additional moorings once a dock is added.

The Committee has also applied for Special Anchorage status at eight of its current mooring fields that are occupied by 350 vessels. Once the proposal is accepted by the United States Coast Guard, the change in status will permit vessels smaller than 65 feet in length to moor in one of the Town's three proposed anchorages without the necessity of using anchor lights. The change in status will also aid in eliminating any ambiguity in the enforcement of the Town's wake and water skiing regulations.

Vessel size restrictions for the Royal River were necessitated after the anchorage experienced space constraints that were the result of naturally occurring silt movement. The new regulations reflect the actual ability of the anchorage to handle the vessels moored there. Throughout the 2006 boating season, the Town received several complaints of vessels grounding out and striking improperly set anchors at low tide as a result of silt encroachment. At this time, the Army Corps of Engineers has not set a date to dredge the anchorage.

Newly-enacted float regulations were adopted in order to allow the Town the statutory authority to enforce laws that are currently enforced by an amalgam of agencies that due to their limited resources are at times neglected. This will permit the Town the ability to address issues such as navigation hazards, potential pollution hazards, non-permitted and inadequately constructed floats without having to contact another agency.

During the year, four channel markers were replaced after being damaged by vessels. The Yarmouth Police Department will be replacing the markers with more durable markers during the 2007 season. The new markers will first be installed in the Royal River and will create a larger silhouette than the ones used during the 2006 season.

On July 1, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary conducted its third annual vessel safety check at the Yarmouth Town Landing. The program is voluntary and permits mariners the opportunity to have their boats inspected while examiners offer helpful safety suggestions. Some of the more common problems encountered included: expired flares, registrations not with the boats, inadequate extinguishers, horns and improperly working navigation lights. As with the previous years, the program is very informative and we are looking forward to the United States Coast Guard's assistance in the future.

Later that month the City of Portland, Towns of Freeport, Falmouth, and Cumberland Harbormasters, along with the Yarmouth Fire Department, assisted with vessel traffic during the Yarmouth Clam Festival canoe race. During the festival, Marine Patrol Officer Guy Watson assisted with the waterfront activities normally associated with the event, which included off-loading passengers from an excursion craft, "Duck Boat", after it became mired in silt at the Town Landing.

In September, the Army Corps of Engineers issued float permits for the Royal River Anchorage. The Town of Yarmouth will hold the permits which, if needed, will allow the Town to add additional floats to the anchorage.

During the year, there were 444 moorings identified in the jurisdictional waters of Yarmouth. Thirty-eight moorings were identified as non-compliant. The low number of violations can be directly attributed to warmer temperatures earlier in the year that permitted mariners the opportunity to remove winter spars before the June 1 deadline. We also responded to, or investigated, the following incidents:

Thefts from boats:	1
Boat fires:	1
Recovered trailers:	1
Boats towed:	9
Recovered boats:	2
Vandalism complaints:	2
Boating violations:	2
Missing boats:	4
Boat accidents:	3
Sinking boats:	3
Dock violations:	11
Non-compliant moorings:	38
Mooring failures:	2
Deceased seals:	4
Parking tickets:	18
Harassment complaints:	1

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the commercial fishermen and recreational boaters for making 2006 a safe boating season; appreciation and gratitude as well to the Harbormasters in the City of Portland, Towns of Freeport, Falmouth, and Cumberland for their assistance during the year. A special thank you goes to the Harbor and Waterfront Committee and the three Chairmen who served during the year and for their contributions in improving the Town's waterfront facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Perkins
Marine Patrol Officer

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Bruce Bohrmann comments "Yarmouth has become a wealthy community. This has given us the luxury of being able to develop our town in an extraordinary way without having to compromise or yield to outside economic pressures; big box stores, large national chains, etc."

Judy Bohrmann states "With all of the changes in population mix, the town has successfully maintained a small town village atmosphere."



Bruce & Judy Bohrmann

Shellfish Conservation

During 2006, the Town of Yarmouth was open to shellfish harvesting for 335 days. Red Tide, or paralytic seafood poisoning, was in effect for only seven of the 30 days that the Town experienced closures. The Committee authorized four new area openings for commercial harvesting and enacted two new regulations. There were also two shellfish surveys conducted that were supervised by members of the Yarmouth / North Yarmouth Shellfish Conservation Committee.

During the year, there was an estimated 1,778 bushels, or 88,900 pounds, of shellfish taken from the shores of Yarmouth. The total value of the catch was estimated at \$144,924 with an estimated regional impact of \$434,772. Depuration harvesting took place on the Cousins River during the months of November and December. During that time, 25,865.60 pounds of shellfish were removed from the banks of the river. The value of the catch was \$31,854.60 and the regional impact was estimated at \$95,563.80.

Before the year had ended, the Shellfish Conservation Committee opened the east side of Sea Meadows Lane, Littlejohn Island, Potato Cove, the west side of Cousins Island and the eastern shore of Yarmouth's mainland to commercial harvesting. During the month of November, the Maine Department of Marine Resources closed the Cousins River to the harvesting of shellfish after reporting high bacteria counts as a result of the exceptionally heavy rainfall experienced during the year. Resulting from the closure, one of the Town's most prolific commercial harvesting areas is now no longer available. The State also reclassified the area north of the Ellis C. Snodgrass Memorial Bridge as conditional, making approximately half of the Town's flats unavailable to shellfish harvesting during any Yarmouth Treatment Plant malfunction.

The Shellfish Conservation Committee also enacted two regulations, one dealing with the issue of a harvester, through collusion, aiding illegal activity and the second, creating a mechanism for non-resident recreational diggers to obtain a shellfish license. The former regulation permits non-residents the opportunity to obtain a license through a lottery system if they assist commercial diggers conducting surveys.

There were four reports of poachers harvesting clams in Yarmouth during the year. The reports were received after the incidents occurred, and the incidents took place in the evening or early morning hours, and during extreme low tides.

During the year, Yarmouth Police Officer Michael Peacock attended the Maine Department of Marine Resources Municipal Shellfish Warden re-certification training program. On eight occasions the Town took water samples for the State's water quality testing.

During the year there were eight warnings and one criminal complaint issued for shellfish violations. The Committee revoked one resident commercial harvester's license. During a hearing that investigated the harvester's claim of residency, evidence was presented that refuted the digger's assertion that he was a resident of North Yarmouth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Shellfish Conservation Committee for continued work revising the Town's ordinance and maintaining access to the Town's resource, the harvesters for their cooperation, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources for its assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Perkins
Marine Patrol Officer

Shellfish Licenses Sold for 2006

139-Residents
13-Non-Residents
8-Commercial (6 resident, 2 non resident)
54-Resident Complimentary
8-Non-Resident Complimentary
8- 3 Day Recreational

Yarmouth Fire Rescue

On behalf of the members from Yarmouth Fire Rescue please accept this annual report for the calendar year 2006.

This year has been a very exciting one for our members as we have continued to see a rise in call volume, started several new programs, and welcomed back many past members to the department. The members responded to 1043 calls this past year, an increase of 70 calls over the past year.

I want to thank Captain Brent Williams for his service to the department. Captain Williams resigned from the department due to family commitments and time constraints. His abilities and leadership will be sorely missed by the members of the department.

Fire Operations

We have continued to see an increase in our fire responses over the years. There seems to be an increase in providing mutual aid to our surrounding communities. This is directly related to the diminishing number of volunteer firefighters. This is not a trend that affects just Yarmouth; it is one that is being felt nation wide. The department responded to several multiple alarm fires that caused extensive damage to property in the community. During the month of November the department responded to two second alarm fires and two fires that required all of our resources to contain. These fires resulted in several hundred thousand dollars worth of damage. The year started off very busy with many grass and woods fires that were caused due to unattended burning and improper burning. The most common fire this year is the chimney fire; this year we have seen an increase in this type of fire due to the increase cost of heating oil. We would like to remind the citizens of Yarmouth that you should clean your chimney and have it inspected before the heating season and at least once during the heating season.

Awards and Recognition

Each year the department recognizes the members that dedicate their time and efforts to protecting this great community. We feel that the best reward is the recognition that a member receives for doing a great job, making the town safer, and making life around the station better. The following members received recognition this past year for all of their hard work. We, the officers, would like to thank everyone for their time, dedication, and countless hours spent serving and protecting Yarmouth.

Junior Firefighter of the Year: Jameson Buck
Firefighter of the Year: Todd Ayotte and Matt Hayes
Officer of the Year: Tom Downing, Lieutenant
EMS Provider of the Year: Evariste Bernier, Paramedic

Grants

Yarmouth Fire Department was awarded several grants this past year to improve the way that we provide service for the community. The grants amounted to over \$200,000 and covered an operational period of two years. These grants will enhance our methods of fire and EMS delivery to the citizens that we serve. I have listed some of the grants that we received during the past calendar year:

~Maine Municipal Association: Tag Out / Lockout Equipment
~Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant: Forestry Equipment
~Assistance to Firefighter Grant: Sprinkler System, Vehicle Exhaust System, Breathing Cascade System
~Staffing and Fire Emergency Response Grant (SAFER): Daytime staffing



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Laurine says that she thinks the big changes have been the schools in Yarmouth. Schools have changed, computers are in the hands of our students and equipment has been updated, even the outside playgrounds have been improved. We have really good teachers and interested parents.

Laurine Hebert

(Yarmouth Fire Rescue Cont.)

Emergency Medical Services

The Town of Yarmouth operates two ambulances from the North Road fire station. During the daytime these units are staffed with a fulltime Paramedic, SAFER grant staff, and some very dedicated volunteer members. This past year, there were over 800 calls for ambulances in the town for emergency transports to one of the area hospitals. We are seeing a major increase in calls for the elderly and for nursing homes.

The department has continued to struggle with staffing on the weekends for the ambulances. This staffing issue has led the department into sharing the cost of a Paramedic on the weekends with the Town of Cumberland. This is a continuation of the Regional Paramedic service that is shared by Cumberland, Falmouth, North Yarmouth, and Yarmouth after regular working daytime hours.

We are pleased to welcome two new Emergency Medical Technicians to our department. Firefighter David Neujhar and Jeffery Hotchkiss both completed their required training, proctorship, and have been assigned to night duty. These members have spent over 250 hours in training to become certified and will certainly be a positive attribute to our service.

Members continue to improve their skills through in-house training, seminars, and regional schools. This year members spent time training on athletic injuries, mass casualty incidents, medical emergencies, traumatic injuries, and emergency vehicle operations. Several members went to the Samoset Resort for a three day training program that allowed members to network with area agencies.

Automatic Defibrillators have been installed in our schools and within two weeks of being installed, a life was saved. We have worked diligently to get as many of these lifesaving devices in our community and will teach any business or civic organization how to use an AED and how to perform CPR.



Peg and Dick Miller

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Dick said, "A few months ago, I went through a medical emergency, and I know that the Yarmouth Fire/Rescue saved my life. The surgeon on duty at the hospital agreed with this statement. One of the best improvements in Yarmouth is the knowledgeable staff and equipment in the fire-rescue department."

Peg would like to thank the residents of Yarmouth who have continued to support their pottery business for the last 42 years. We are very grateful to the Yarmouth community.

Apparatus and Repairs

This year we have dedicated much time and effort to repairing the apparatus and conducting inspections for future repairs and replacements. Our review has allowed us to delay the purchase of an ambulance for at least one year. All apparatus was inspected, pumps were tested and repairs were made as needed. We are very fortunate to have in-house repairs conducted by our town mechanics and members of the fire department. Many of the minor repairs to apparatus are completed in-house by the day-time SAFER staff. These members are hired under a federal grant and have saved us a tremendous amount of money by conducting weekly inspections and repairs as needed.

We took delivery of a new Chiefs vehicle this year. The vehicle is a Ford Explorer that has a command center in the rear of it for fire and EMS operations. This vehicle is equipped with a computer that will store vital information about the towns water system, businesses, hazardous materials, and mutual aid resources. The unit will respond to all major incidents and will be used primarily as a command center and accountability unit.

Total mileage for Fire Apparatus: 5,750 miles
Total mileage for Ambulances: 16,770 miles

Major repairs:

- Engine 1 – Pump work and body / paint repairs
- Engine 2 – Pump work, brake repairs, tires
- Engine 3 – Pump work, radiator
- Engine 4 – Body work, compartments, and emergency warning lights
- Tower 1 – repairs to Aerial ladder, pump test, and ladder tests
- Rescue 1 – new alternators, new siren, air conditioner unit, and batteries
- Rescue 2 – new alternators, tires, fuel pump

On behalf of the Yarmouth Fire Rescue Department, I would like to thank the Officers and the members for their hard work and dedication this past year. I would also like to thank the families of the members who have to endure all the nights and days away from their loved ones. The community is safer because of their dedication. I wish for another fire safe year in the community and would like to assure the citizens that this is our goal to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Robitaille
Deputy Chief

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Erv says "Royal River Park and all of the connecting pathways are the best changes in Yarmouth. It's amazing that this is a hub of walkways in the center of town. I hope that someday a path will cross the river and enhance that area at little cost to the town. "

Erv Bickford



Yarmouth Community Services

Creating community through people, parks and programs.

The mission of Community Services is to provide and maintain responsive leisure and educational opportunities, facilities and services that enhance and improve the quality of life for Yarmouth residents and guests.

Recreation Division

Diverse youth programs that decrease boredom, build self-esteem and teach lifelong healthy choices are provided through year-round activities in enrichment, fitness, science, music, arts and sports program opportunities. Theater and music programs produce self confidence and budding performers who proudly showcase their new talents for families and friends.

Over **60 summer camps** held for youngsters age 3 to 18 included:

- Enrichment programs in creative arts, dance, theater, music, gymnastics and hapkido.
- Educational and experiential camps in Industrial Arts, Rocketry and Science.
- Sports camps for basketball, fitness, golf, horseback riding, lacrosse, soccer and tennis.
- Teen Time at Trek Camp, Drivers Education, Kayak Camp, Learner's Edge and SAT Prep.

During 2006, the YCS sports programs served over **850 youth** of all ages and ability levels in baseball, basketball, lacrosse, soccer and running. These positive learning experiences are not possible without the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm of **84 parent volunteer coaches** who provide fun, excitement and skill development while cultivating lifelong interests in active lifestyles and healthy habits.

We are extremely grateful and appreciative of our **50 part-time employees** and our youth and adult volunteers who help make so many of our program efforts a reality. These individuals serve as mentors to our youth participants -- helping to shape and create our future leaders.

Adult Education

In 2006, over **75 Adult Education classes** provided a broad spectrum of programs for the enrichment of Yarmouth's adult residents. Lifelong opportunities for new skills, vocational training and other quality enrichment pursuits were offered in the interest areas of:

- Creative Outlets (digital photography, gardening, knitting & quilting)
- Financial Planning
- Foreign Language, Music and the Arts
- Health, Wellness & Fitness
- Practical skills in CPR, Navigation & Aviation
- Technology

Many of our active adults and senior residents enjoy a **regional approach** to specialized programs, activities, trips and tours to local and distant destinations such as:

- Boston's North End, Montreal & Meredith, NH
- Cultural programs at Merrill Auditorium & Portland Stage Company
- Portland Flower Show and Casco Bay cruise cruises
- Culinary Arts at Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) & Westbrook Regional Vocational HS

Parks Division

David Armstrong, Zachary Wiest, Ronald Thoits, Earl Rowe, Cecil Ryder and Ken Gillis are the parks employees who manage and maintain over **500 acres of open spaces and recreation places** for the pleasure and use of Yarmouth's residents to enjoy nature and outdoor exercise.

Parks, Open Space & Conservation Land	Facilities & Fun Places
Parks: Latchstring Park Village Green Park Town Hall Memorial Green Grist Mill Park Royal River Park Pratt's Brook Park Bayview Estuary Preserve Conservation Land: East Main Street Parks Property Fels Groves Farm Preserve Barker Property Sligo Road Sweetsir Properties Tinker Property on Cousins Island	Athletics: 8 tennis courts 7 baseball/softball fields 5 soccer/field hockey/lacrosse fields, track Playgrounds: Rowe School Yarmouth Elementary School Harrison Middle School Applewoods Nan Jones Kimball Shipyard (North Road) Other facilities: Camp SOCI Sandy Point Beach Orland M. Blake outdoor ice rink Beth Condon Pathway

Cooperative Efforts



We would truly be at a loss without the many fine Yarmouth residents and community groups that serve as exceptional park and open space volunteers who protect the environment and increase community pride with their generous contributions and special stewardship projects. We extend sincere thanks and appreciation.

Community Collaborators & Contributors:

Royal River Youth Conservation Corps (RRYCC) crew and staff for improvement projects at Royal River Park, Grist Mill Park and Bayview Estuary Preserve. The RRYCC works in the Royal River watershed to enhance habitat, reduce erosion, raise awareness and inspire youth to become environmental leaders.

Yarmouth Conservation Commission for interpretive signage at Bayview Estuary Preserve

Village Improvement Society (VIS) – Cosponsor of Easter Egg Hunt & Summer Arts Series

The VIS, Merrill Memorial Library, Chamber of Commerce, Yarmouth Rotary for Summer Arts Series sponsorship of 11 outdoor performances at the Royal River Park.

Boy Scout Eagle volunteer:

Aaron Castaldi for trail work at Bayview Estuary Preserve

Community Volunteers:

Josh Royte & Dan Ostrye of the Conservation Commission for leading walks in local parks

Annie Simpson for being a faithful steward of the Parks Property on East Main Street

Yarmouth Community Garden for their hard work and glorious garden harvest

Ed Ashley for maintaining a mowed trail on the Fels-Groves property.

Judy White of Gilman Road for her mowing of the Town right of way at **Larrabee's Landing**.

Bill Hoffman and the Cousins & Little John Islands Association for coordinating and maintaining invasive bittersweet removal at the Tinker Property.

Special Events

YCS collaborates with a variety of individuals and groups to provide annual events and opportunities for community celebration and family unity:

Father/Daughter Valentine Day Dance

Easter Egg Hunt

Scavenger Hunt

Summer Arts Series

Yarmouth Wellness Fair

Citizen Advisory Committee and Staff

Sincere thanks and appreciation to **Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC)** members and especially **Chair Larry Lindgren**, for their insight, dedication and support. Office and program staffers **Karen Myrick, Lynn Wiest, Tori MacDonald** and **Jason Veilleux** help to ensure that Yarmouth residents have positive leisure experiences with small town warmth and sincerity. Participants may now also register for programs online by visiting the YCS web site at **www.yarmouthcommunityservices.org**.

If you or someone you know has a special talent, skill or interest to share, please contact us for a course proposal form. We truly value your input, participation and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Noyes, CPRP - Director & Jason Veilleux - Assistant Director

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YARMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Yarmouth Conservation Commission's mission includes the identification of issues and promotion of policies that preserve and enhance Yarmouth's natural environment, and the creation of opportunities for citizen access and enjoyment of our natural heritage. The Commission serves as an advisory group to the Town and often provides information and comment on development plans before the Yarmouth Planning Board. We collaborate with other community organizations working to help provide access to and protection and management of open space, walking trails, natural corridors, and the shorelands. Our diverse membership encompasses many different educational and professional backgrounds and life experiences, which makes for a dynamic and energized group. Meetings are open to the public and are generally held at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month in the Town Hall Community Meeting Room. Schedules, agendas and minutes are posted on our Web page, linked from the Town website, www.yarmouth.me.us/, click on 'Board and Committees', then on 'Conservation Commission'. You may also reach us by calling Commission Chairman, Dan Ostrye, at 846-6217.

2006 was a busy year, for the Town and for the Conservation Commission. The following summary touches upon some of our areas of activity.

Open Space Protection and Planning, in Yarmouth and Regionally: The Conservation Commission aids the Town Council in developing management plans for recently acquired open space parcels while enhancing use and stewardship of existing properties. In addition, we provide advice on environmental issues on Town-owned lands. This year, members of the Commission assisted with the Comprehensive Plan update through membership on several subcommittees. We are also actively participating with the Town's consultant in the formulation of a Land Stewardship Plan. This Plan, to be completed in 2007, will evaluate open space planning and the management of Town-owned lands. This complements our continuing work in developing a detailed inventory and assessment of the Town's open space parcels to aid in long range planning and management/development.

The Commission values the exchange of information with representatives of local and regional land trusts, other regional conservation commissions and conservation organizations, and agencies of the State of Maine. We actively participate in meetings with these groups whenever possible.

Support for Town Organizations: The Commission serves as a resource for Town staff, boards and committees through meeting attendance, collaborative projects, and providing information regarding land use planning and policy. The Commission also met with the Town Council and with the Community Services Advisory Committee, to review our mission and activities and offer our continued support and advice on matters related to open space and natural resource protection and preservation. The Commission maintains permanent seats on the board of Pratt's Brook Park and the Community Garden Steering Committee. We also serve as a resource for neighborhood groups.

Community Projects, Education and Outreach: In 2006, the Conservation Commission continued its tradition of sponsoring a series of guided educational walking tours of Town-owned properties, including the Transfer Station marshes, Bayview Estuary Preserve, Parks property and Sligo Road property. The Commission created and installed educational interpretive signage along the trails at the Bayview Estuary Preserve. These signs provide information on plants, wildlife and ecological features found within the Preserve. The Commission continues to provide support to the Community Garden project, located on the Town-owned Parks Property, on East Main Street. Our web page (linked to the Town web site) has been greatly expanded, with plans for further growth. For example, we provide links to many educational and reference resources on the subject of invasive species. This is part of our continuing effort to educate the public regarding invasive species, and to monitor and combat their spread within the Town.

Several members worked on the draft of a landowner's guide to land stewardship within the Shoreland Overlay District, which we plan to publish in 2007. It will explain allowed and restricted activities in the S.O.D. and the underlying reasons and goals which we hope will serve as a useful guide and educational tool for all of the Town's citizens. We are excited about the potential of the web page to serve as an efficient means of education and outreach.

One of the Conservation Commission's primary roles is conducting reviews of significant development projects

Project Review: coming before the Planning Board and Town Council. This review process typically involves evaluating a project proposal for completeness and compliance with town and state environmental regulations, and generating comments and recommendations for consideration by the Planning Board. The Commission has a mandated review and recommendation role under the Subdivision Ordinance. Our reviews provide information to the Planning Board on environmental and natural resource considerations for proposed projects. Our recommendations promote adherence to standards and regulations involving land use, open space and natural resource protection. We attend site walks, which provide valuable information in assessing proposed projects. In an advisory capacity, we work cooperatively with the Planning Board, Town Planner, landowners, and project developers to ensure landowners' rights and to uphold policies protecting areas such as Town rights-of-way which provide public access to the water, Town open space and recreation areas, and our coastline. The Commission has worked closely with the Director of Planning and Development to improve the project application and review process. Standardized 'checklist' application forms and procedures now streamline and simplify the process for applicants, staff and the Planning Board. This successful initiative has led to a reduction in the level of detail of Commission involvement with many of the applications being filed.



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Howard replies "that the North Yarmouth Academy is known all over the Eastern seaboard as a top notch school. It is one of the best."

Howard Small

(CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONT.) Ordinance Review and Revision: We worked with the Town's Director of Planning and Development to complete the approval and final effective enactment of overdue ordinance revisions resulting from compliance issues raised by the Department of Environmental Protection several years ago. These non-compliance issues were corrected in 2006.

The DEP revised its Shoreland zoning rules and model ordinance effective May 1, 2006, which requires the town, in turn, to update the shoreland protection sections of its zoning ordinance. A working team comprised of one of our members (an attorney), and Dawn Emerson, the Director of Planning and Development, completed a draft of comprehensive proposed amendments to our Shoreland zoning ordinances with the intent of achieving compliance with the State-mandated required changes. Cross-annotated copies of the proposed ordinance amendments and the newly revised DEP rules were delivered to the Planning Board in December. After Planning Board review, the proposed ordinance amendments will go to the Town Council for adoption, and then to the DEP for their review and final approval.

Meanwhile, the Town Council undertook a review of the existing zoning ordinance provisions governing setbacks and buffers from wetlands, the definitions of freshwater wetlands and 'lands not suitable for development', and questions relating to open space ('cluster') subdivisions and density bonuses. The Council also addressed permitting construction of access stairs and paths to the water in Resource Protection Districts. These matters all culminated in revisions to our ordinances during the course of the year. The Commission actively participated in the dialogue concerning all these changes.

Annual Retreat: The Conservation Commission held its annual retreat in November 2006, a full working day of review, contemplation and discussion. This was a productive session, characterized as usual by good fellowship. We reviewed our goals and objectives for 2006, compared them with the factual narrative of the year, and established and prioritized new goals and objectives for 2007.

Thanks! Finally, we feel that a public note of appreciation is due for the time and attention given to us by the two Town Councilors who worked with us as Council Liaisons in 2006, Rick Abbondanza, succeeded by Jeff Darrell. They have contributed greatly to our work, helping us to complete what we consider to have been a very efficient and productive year. Thank you!



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?



"One of the best things to happen in Yarmouth is the development of the many uses of our Yarmouth parks. I enjoy the park performances during the day, the brick platform at the Royal River Park, and the many other uses that the Town allows in our parks. Also, I am proud of my neighbors on East Elm Street who have made many improvements to their properties" stated Edna.



Edna Laubenstein





Rotary Club of Yarmouth

Rotary is a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 167 countries. Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. The Rotary motto is “***Service Above Self***.”

The Rotary Club of Yarmouth was founded in 1996. Since then we have participated in projects in our local community as well as around the world. Our major fundraising event, the ***Royal River Striper Tournament***, enables us to support organizations such as:

Locally

Yarmouth High School Scholarships
Yarmouth Interact (Yarmouth High School)
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls
Yarmouth Summer Arts Series
Our House Capital Campaign
Town of Yarmouth
 -Benches in Royal River Park
 -Water Fountain at Little League Field
Maine Alzheimer’s Association
Keep Maine Warm

Nationally

Rotary Katrina Relief Fund

Internationally

Guatemala Literacy Program
Friends Forever (Ireland)
Safe Passage (Guatemala)
Uruguay School Bus Project
Rotaplast
Polio Plus

In 2007, the Rotary Club of Yarmouth is continuing its work in its 11th year of serving the community. Our Club consists of 30 business professionals who meet at the Down-East Village Restaurant every Monday at 7:00 a.m. Our doors are always open to visitors. For more information, please contact Gary Howard at 846-5304 or visit our website at www.yarmouthmerotary.org.

Karl Steinbach
2006-2007 President

Merrill Memorial Library

2006 was an exciting year for the library as we embarked on an extensive planning process to provide more programs. At the spring staff workshop our focus was on identifying the need for additional and improved library services that would recognize the needs of all citizens in a changing society.

Our first challenge was to explore the varied lifestyles and the demographics of the community. The following list of suggestions was a result of this conversation.

The library needs to provide space for programs and events where:

- ◆ Neighbors can meet neighbors and make social connections,
- ◆ Lectures and discussion groups can be held,
- ◆ Travel planning and travel talks can be held,
- ◆ Film programs followed by discussion can be held,
- ◆ Programs that assist senior citizens with accessing information and ideas on the Internet can be developed,
- ◆ Community leaders can lead discussions about initiatives that foster community building,
- ◆ Partnerships with other institutions and service organizations can be forged,
- ◆ Opportunities that foster a "healthy community" can be promoted,
- ◆ Opportunities and information that foster a green community, that is, an environmentally conscientious community can be explored,
- ◆ The library can emerge as a leader in the development of Yarmouth as a vital arts community.

The following initiatives were the result of a great deal of planning by staff members throughout 2006 and were received with great enthusiasm by the public.

With the assistance of volunteers and staff, after school programs for children in grades 3 & 4 were held 2 days a week. Children were able to enjoy snacks while they learned about new books, took time to explore the book collection, participated in arts and crafts projects, played board games, visited the Historical Society Museum on the top floor of the library, met a local Olympic champion and saw slides, and listened to an author of children's books. The program has now become a core library program for this age group in addition to the pre-school programs that the library has provided for many years.

The Summer Reading Program held in July and August, also a core library program, had its highest participation level ever, partly in response to the popularity that the after school programs had received.

In the fall, a Teen Lounge was created in the Young Adult Area as a place for middle School and High School students to gather to enjoy books and read magazines. Programs are now being planned on a regular basis for this age group.

The Adult Department presented speaker programs featuring local authors as well as a Reader's Circle monthly book group.

Staff selections of notable books were the basis of the Reader's Circle discussion group. The program provided an opportunity for all readers to come together to share the enjoyment of reading on a regular basis.

The library also hosted a 3-part book and lecture program on the history of the Middle East that was sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. Similar reading and discussion programs will be presented in the future.

As the library staff and trustees begin making plans for the use of the 3rd floor space in the coming years, additional ideas for services, programs and events will be welcomed from the public. Many of the needs and expectations of the community have already been identified and the opportunities to meet them will be the goal of the library as we move forward.

Thank you for your support of Merrill Memorial Library and we hope you will continue to find our services and programs relevant to your everyday life. Lifelong learning is a major part of the library's mission and with your involvement we will continue to develop and grow in areas that provide opportunities for citizens of all ages.

A personal message to the citizens of Yarmouth;

It was with pride and satisfaction that I announced my retirement as Director of Merrill Memorial Library at the end of 2006. For over 30 years I was involved in the daily operations of the library as well as a key participant in the process of charting the course for the library's future.

I am proud to have facilitated many of the changes that have taken place while at the same time protecting and preserving the fundamental purpose and role of the library in the community.

I am honored to have received the trust and support of so many people over the years: the library Board of Trustees, the dedicated, professional staff, the Yarmouth Town Council and the Town Manager. We have worked together to meet the expectations and needs of all citizens for a modern and vital community library, to preserve the historic 100 year-old building for future generations, and to guarantee that free, public library service will continue to be the right of every citizen.

I am most grateful for the trust and support I have received from you, the citizens of Yarmouth. You have demonstrated your commitment to the future of the library and your confidence in me by casting your vote in support of building and renovation projects, through your annual support for the budget, by volunteering on a regular basis and assisting with special projects, and by responding enthusiastically to new programs and services. The future of the library is, and always has been, in your hands.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you, the citizens of this extraordinary community, for so many years.

Respectfully,
Nan Kollias

Mildred & David Kenney



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Mildred reflects, "After 9/11, a Cousins Island Resident suggested we have a Christmas Eve celebration in the Cousins Island Chapel. It has been so well attended that we are considering two services, with local students and neighbors giving readings and reflections."

David remembers "Since we first came to town the best change has been with the growth of the Yarmouth Historical Society. Sometimes, some things happen which are a result of this growth. For instance, I was given the opportunity to learn and execute the restoration of graphic arts on paper, after a meeting at the Historical Society."

Yarmouth Historical Society

The mission of the Yarmouth Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and educate the public about the history of Yarmouth and the area of old North Yarmouth.

Yarmouth Historical Society offers a year-round schedule of programs for the public, educational programs for the students of Yarmouth, interpretive exhibitions in the Museum Gallery, historical and genealogical research assistance to the public, and a Museum shop. The Society works closely with other State, Regional and National groups towards the awareness of the wonderful heritage that is ours to share.

Highlights from the 2006 calendar include in April, Heirloom Appraisal Day, the longest-running appraisal event in the State. We celebrated Maine Preservation month in May with a lecture on Yarmouth's historic architecture and economic values by Roxanne Eflin, Director of Maine Preservation. June's presentation was by the Curator of the Davistown Museum, Skip Brack. Skip had identified over 200 historical tools in the Society's collection as part of our federally-funded collections computerization project. He returned as part of the lecture series to help attendees identify early tools from their private collections.

This year the Yarmouth Historical Society sponsored our first Antique Show and Sale at the Yarmouth Clam Festival, supplemented with Children's games, and Children's story hours, the focus of which was Maine children's literature. At the same time, in keeping with the Festival theme of "Fantastic Inventions" the Society museum exhibit included some Yarmouth inventions. These included the rifle with interchangeable parts invented by John Hall, the post-hole auger invented by Henry Caswell, and a footstool invented by George Garniss. We hope to increase our participation at the Yarmouth Clam Festival in 2007.

In August, author Laurel Gabel, shared her expertise in gravestone history with a full house at the Cousins Island Community House. A visit to Chebeague Island Historical Society in September was a chance to meet with neighbors, and share the day on the island, a part of Ancient North Yarmouth until 1820. Ron Kley, an expert on John Hall told John's fascinating story at the annual meeting in October. In November Michael Connolly revealed some of the behind the scenes details that went into the preparation and research for his book on the history of Irish immigrants in Maine. The lecture series programs were very well attended again this year, and we invite you to participate in 2007.

Our longstanding Maine History Book Group, which meets monthly from September to June, read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction titles this year, and continues to be open to all. Our educational programs are developed in partnership with the Yarmouth School system. It is most important to spark the enthusiasm and interest in history among the youngest residents of the community, so we are happy to assist the Yarmouth teachers whenever asked.

We received many fine gifts this year from many generous people. One such gift was a painting of the vessel, *Charles G. Rice* a bequest from the estate of Mr. Bruce Burden. Mr. Burden was a long time member of Yarmouth Historical Society. The painting is of a 715 ton 3-masted bark, built and launched from the Hutchins and Stubbs shipyard in Yarmouth on October 16, 1879. Many of the more than 140 acquisitions added to the collections in 2006 are from the 20th century – documenting World War II military service, Yarmouth's schools from the 1920s into the 1970s, and area businesses, organizations, and families. All of the items given to Yarmouth Historical Society are very much appreciated and will enhance future understanding of our collective history.

On a sad note, in the past year we lost several dear friends, and our members made donations in memory of Mrs. Emily Rand, Mrs. Rachael Finne, Mr. Clifford Meier, and Mr. Walter Webber, our long-time legal advisor. Finally, as I was preparing this report, I note with sadness, the January 31, 2007 passing of our dear friend and Board Treasurer, Ralph Stevens.

Ralph's qualities were sterling. He was a capable, generous, kind man and a true friend to all who knew him. Yarmouth Historical Society will miss all of these individuals and others who I could not note in this brief report.

Yarmouth Historical Society would not be the vibrant organization it is today without Director/Curator Marilyn Hinkley and her staff. We have a fifteen member Board of Trustees who give their time and talent again and again to all of the endeavors. We have a membership that responds to our requests for assistance. We have partnerships with the Library Board of Trustees, the Town Council, the Town Manager in recognizing the facility needs and budget awareness that challenge us to work cooperatively. Yarmouth Historical Society is proud to be part of such a community. We continue to explore growth and expansion opportunities, as we maintain excellence in our day-to-day operations. I personally invite everyone to join the Yarmouth Historical Society and participate in our many activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Caron, Chair, Board of Trustees

**Yarmouth Historical Society
2006-7 Board of Trustees**

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Maggie Soule -Ralph Stevens
Kaye Vilburn

Village Improvement Society

The annual Book Sale continues to be an on-going success with several worker-bees collecting and sorting books throughout the year. To those of you who have so generously donated books, tapes and puzzles – and ultimately attended the sale – we are deeply indebted and ask for your continued support. What started as a very small effort has magnified to the point where book dealers from all over Maine, as well as New Hampshire, eagerly anticipate the sale each year. This year's event will take place the first week in May at the Log Cabin. We hope to see you there.

We have been blessed with a very enthusiastic Program Committee this year and the meetings have been well attended. Please plan to attend the first Tuesday of each month. Watch the Notes for information regarding speakers.

As far as projects are concerned, the Old Meeting House is always an on-going project. The wonderful lady on the hill is relentless in her demands for maintenance. We did have six beautiful weddings in the summer of 2006. The brides, their families and friends are always thankful that they have the opportunity to hold such an important event in a beautiful historical place.

A very enthusiastic Parks Chair has undertaken the beginning of rejuvenation for Railroad Park. All trees and shrubs are being pruned and trimmed. During the summer of 2007, the plan is to add more bulbs and perennials with annuals for color. The Park is a true gem in the center of Yarmouth and deserves more recognition than it receives.

The Railroad Station is to undergo a face lift in 2007. The protective screens are to be removed and the entire building will be painted. We are thinking Day-Glo purple appropriate. This is also a significant undertaking.

Meanwhile, the VIS remains quietly involved with the backing of many town events and projects. If you see yourself as someone interested in nurturing and/or improving the wonderful assets that make Yarmouth what it is, please become involved in a terrific organization that needs your help.

Prue Heard
President

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Charlie and Anita Stickney

Charlie commented, "On the positive side, was CMP building a power plant. More negative than positive is that the town went on a drunk of spending. We miss the intimacy of the small town of 2,300. The population was friendly. I love living here. There was one policeman and the town paid him \$1,800 a year for his uniforms and living expenses. Taxes that were less than \$1,000 are now over \$10,000. I am not sure if we have gained all that much. Yarmouth was the first community after Portland where there was any commercialization in the town center. The town dump (Transfer and Recycling Facility) is a good operation."



Anita, who served on the planning board, said "Over the years I am not sure that older and long time residents have been included enough in the planning process. Yarmouth's friendly charm has diminished somewhat due to the sheer numbers of new residents. It continues to be a great place to bring up children, and last, but not least, the Historical Society and Merrill Library are wonderful."



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Mary, who has been involved with the Merrill Memorial Library for many years, is delighted with its growth and its role as a vital center for the community. The Art Gallery there attracts many people of all ages and is an asset not only to the Library but for local artists to display their work. Yarmouth Arts has also become as a major influence in town for their support of the arts. Of equal importance are the excellent art programs of all kinds in all our schools.



Mary & Chuck Callanan

Chuck says we are fortunate to enjoy the ability to update our educational resources so our children's teachers have the very best facilities in which to work. It is after all a state where many areas don't share such good fortune. Also, it's healthy to see our town maintain its heterogeneity where those who make their living on the water can work on town committees alongside those who work in Portland's offices.

General Assistance Report

The General Assistance Program assists residents of Yarmouth with basic necessities, such as rent/mortgage, fuel, utilities, non-elective medical services, telephone when medically necessary, necessary work-related expenses, clothing, personal supplies and food, providing a safety net for the most needy.

The Towns of Yarmouth and Freeport continue to operate a Regional General Assistance Office located at the Freeport Town Hall. All general assistance requests are referred to the Freeport General Assistance Office. The administration of general assistance requests continues to be handled in accordance with applicable Maine State Law and in accordance with the General Ordinance and Appendixes adopted by the Town of Yarmouth. Applications may be obtained at the Freeport Town Office located at 30 Main Street in Freeport and appointments for review of general assistance requests and applications can be directed to the Freeport General Assistance Office (865-4743) unless there is a hardship regarding an inability to travel to the Freeport Office. In such event, arrangements will be made with the applicant to meet for an appointment at the Yarmouth Town Office, or if necessary or appropriate, at the applicant's home.

This year, the General Assistance Office experienced a great increase in the number of requests for assistance. In 2005, twenty-four people received general assistance compared to sixty-seven during the 2006 calendar year. Total expenditures for this period totaled \$13,018.84. The high cost of heating fuel and gasoline prices took a tremendous toll on those living on fixed or limited incomes. Many residents had to use a greater portion of their limited resources to adequately heat their homes, leaving less income available to pay their other housing costs. The Town of Yarmouth was most fortunate to receive generous donations from both Downeast Energy and a Yarmouth family to help provide additional heating assistance for those in need. These donations illustrate the generosity of Yarmouth citizens and businesses who are dedicated to ensuring that the basic needs of their neighbors are being met.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those at the Town of Yarmouth who have worked together to create a Regional Office and to those who have ensured that this process allowed for a smooth transition for residents, employees and various service agencies. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Hanselman

General Assistance Administrator

YARMOUTH HEALTH COUNCIL

The Health Council is very active in the welfare of the residents of Yarmouth. The group has 61 members and meets three times a year. These meetings give the members a change to hear speakers who are involved with health issues of interest. This year's speakers included Gail Boutin from Hannaford's Wellness Program and Kathy Patenaude speaking on Telehealth Care visitations.

The group administers the Loan Closet which served 109 residents during the year. Flu Clinics were held with 488 vaccinations given out. We also assisted Dr. Donahue and students from UNE giving physicals to 98 Yarmouth students. Donations to two local food banks were also accomplished.

Zara Briggs, President

Health Officer's Report

If you have a boat moored in Casco Bay, you should be aware of EPA rulings regarding safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels. These rulings cover Casco Bay from Cape Elizabeth to Phippsburg and the Fore River and other waterways such as the Presumpscot River, Royal River, Cousins, Harraseeket and New Meadows Rivers. These are "no discharge" areas. Pump-out services are available at Falmouth Public Landing, Handy Boat, Brewers So. Freeport Marina and Strouts Point Wharf, Yankee Marina and Yarmouth Boat Yard, in addition to other service areas in the Greater Portland region.

Another rainy year has brought several complaints of rental properties with mold growth. Mold spores need warmth and moisture to grow. A bleach disinfectant inhibits growth from recurring as long as the area is well ventilated and kept dry. In order to prevent mold re-growth when cleaning carpets using a wet method, adequate ventilation for quick drying is necessary.

With little snow cover, we are experiencing an increase in home mouse invasions. Mice seek indoor warmth, food, and an entrance hole. Plugging the entry hole with steel wool or something they won't chew will effectively keep mice out. Holes made to accommodate pipes (propane, water, oil, etc) are often large enough for these small animals to enter. Bird seed, dog food and cat food attract mice; storage of these foods in metal containers is recommended. The Pesticide Control Board (207) 287-2731, www.state.me.us/agriculture/pesticides/homepage.htm recommends using live traps with outdoor release. D-Con can be used by the homeowner as long as they follow the recommended precautions. Current recommendations are to use as little chemical control as possible because of the effect on the environment.

Speaking of the environment, carefully consider the use of chemicals on your lawn and around your home. Less is better. These chemicals can contaminate Casco Bay and the streams and rivers running into it.

West Nile Virus borne by infected mosquitoes will be showing up again in coastal Southern Maine. For best mosquito control, eliminate standing water breeding grounds on your property. Agitating bird bath water will prevent larvae from developing.

By Maine law, above-ground outdoor swimming pools must have a 4-ft. enclosure (minus a ladder) *or* have a gate. This is to prevent accidental drowning of young children. If there is a ladder, it must be removed when

the pool is not in use.

If you have a spa or pool, be certain that it has a vacuum release mechanism and cover. Children and even adults have been trapped by the suction when hair becomes entrapped in the system.

If you are considering a new beauty salon, day spa, nail salon or tattoo parlor, consider visiting the establishment to look it over. Ask questions before engaging services. If you have concerns about practices or cleanliness, contact your local health officer or the appropriate Maine licensing bureau. (Nail Techs are licensed by the Board of Cosmetology.)

Two children were seriously injured this year from falling off of floats in parades. A word of warning to parents – make sure your children are properly safeguarded. Don't take the fun out of it but keep it safe.

Victualers' Inspections

Sit-down restaurant - 26

Bakery - 5

Deli - 1

Take-out - 8

Caterer - 2

Trailer Park - 1

Ice Cream Truck - 1

Returns - 7 (new operations usually require an additional stop)

Inquiry/Complaints/Information

Possible food poisoning - 3

Housing - mold, mice, mildew, or lead - 5

Illness - 1

May 2006

Spoke to Yarmouth Health Council on Cremation Rules

Nov. 2006

Attended 1-day conference on West Nile Virus

Dec. 2006

Attended ½ - day conference on Pesticide Use



Frank Knight

What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

The best change in Yarmouth is the schools – NYA, from which Frank graduated in 1925, and Yarmouth High School. Frank initiated the first Little League program, and had the Cub Scout meetings at his home. In the last five decades, Frank has served on many boards and committees for the Town of Yarmouth. While serving as Tree Warden he has been caretaker of the New England Champion Elm tree known as “Herbie” located on Route 88 and Yankee Drive.



Tree Warden



The State of Maine publishes a booklet on the largest trees in the State, we believe we will be noted for seven including Herbie the largest American Elm in New England. We were named Tree City USA for the 26th year.

We lost two big Elms on Pleasant Street this summer due to Dutch Elm disease. 17 trees were pruned and 35 other trees including some of our bigger maples, small elms, willows and other varieties due to deterioration and aging. Herbie also had two large limbs removed in June due to Dutch Elm. We planted trees in 3 locations: John Howland Drive, Hayfield Road, and School Street by the Rowe School, which was a planting done for Arbor Day Celebration, but because of the rainy spring the children were educated in the classroom and missed the planting due to inclement weather.

I am looking forward to a summer planting to replace some of the maples we have lost. Both Frank and I want to thank you for your support in working with us to beautify the Town of Yarmouth.

Please call us if we can assist you in any way with your tree concerns.

Respectfully submitted ~ Deb Hopkins and Frank Knight



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Every day, I travel by the Nan Jones Kimball Playground on North Road and see children playing on the slides and swings, even in the winter. In the Spring and Summer, we see children playing ball in the ball field. This is a great use of town land.



Dorothy Reardon

Yarmouth Senior Housing (Bartlett Circle)

This year saw the completion of a major project at Bartlett Circle. Because we were informed that the type of breakers that were installed in our buildings in 1975 had been identified as a potential fire hazard, the Board of Directors felt it was imperative that we replace them before we experienced any problems. That work is done and we are continuing with our other major project, which is to improve and update the entrances to the apartments to make them ADA compliant. This project will need major fund-raising before we can proceed but we are all enthusiastic that we can accomplish this update in the very near future.

At our Annual Meeting in October, the Board elected the following officers for 2007:

Evariste Bernier, President
Margaret Downing, Vice-President
Elizabeth Rogers, Treasurer
Laurie Broberg, Secretary

Others on the Board are:

Janice Chamberlain
Gerri Prentice
Rick Brackett
Mike Morrill
Lynde Randall

We are always interested in recruiting local residents who would be willing to serve on committees or as "Bartlett Buddies", a group set up to help residents with small tasks around their apartments.

Anyone interested in Bartlett Circle, either to help or in need of housing may contact:

Sandra McCatherin
Executive Director
829-4354



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

Some of the best things in Yarmouth, states Carl, are the new schools in town and the Yarmouth High School. Also he includes the town office building, the North Road fire station, and the waste water treatment plants, and the conversion from the dump to the transfer and recycling center.

Carl Winslow

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dear Citizens of Yarmouth,

As 2006 came to a close well intentioned policymakers turned their attention to new tax reform strategies promising utopian type results. As we begin a new year what follows is a quick look back and forward. Over the past four years the Yarmouth school budget increase has been less than the rate of inflation and the lowest increase of any school system in Cumberland County. In 2003-2004 the increase was 1.7%, in 2004-2005 the increase was 2.8%, and in 2005-2006 the increase was 2.5%. The 2006-2007 budget increase was 3.75%. The past four years total increase in property taxes due to the school budget for a home valued at \$350,000 was \$217.

In 2005-2006 we received an increase of \$536,437 in state aid which actually exceeded the budget increase of \$422,274. In 2006-2007 we received an increase of \$567,664 in state aid which was almost equivalent to the increase in expenses. In other words over the past two years citizens in Yarmouth have seen a slight decrease in property taxes from the school side of the budget.

Despite the limited increase in expenditures the School Committee over the past four years has done an exceptional job of improving the quality of our educational program. Now it is time to move to a new level of excellence. Though tax reform and budgets will remain prominent in state and local decision making, having a collaborative view of how we want our schools to improve is the key to making a very good school system better. We have developed a new vision statement which describes the school system that we want to become over the next three to five years. It was developed collaboratively with parents, teachers, and administrators over the past two years.

Jim Collins in his best selling book *Good to Great* mentions "Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness is largely a matter of conscious choice and discipline...a great organization is one that delivers superior performance and makes a distinctive impact over a long period of time." He also cautions that organizations that begin to think of themselves as a great have "lost it, the key driving force in greatness is always looking to do better." What I admire most about our teachers, support staff, administrators, and School Committee is the collective effort that is made each year to improve student learning.

Our teachers, administrators, School Committee, and support staff each year explore how we can improve upon the previous year. Instead of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach, they bring a "if it isn't perfect, make it better" approach to their responsibilities. As a result each year we move closer to becoming a great school system.

Our mission, core values and life role outcomes for students are not changing. They were developed in 1994 as part of a community wide strategic planning initiative and continue to describe the purpose of the Yarmouth schools and the attributes of what we want our students to develop. However, the previous vision statement had become dated and it was time to explore how we might better fulfill the mission of the Yarmouth Schools. Our challenge now becomes moving closer to what is described in the new vision statement which is found below.

Sincerely,
Kenneth J. Murphy

Vision Statement

The Yarmouth Schools are a community of lifelong learners nurturing the development of critical thinkers and involved citizens prepared to lead fulfilling lives in a changing world

Four key questions guide our work:

- What do we want each student to learn?
- How will we know when each student has learned it?
- How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?
- How will we deepen the learning for each student?

Student learning is our shared responsibility and the focus of each team's work. Teams of educators design and administer common learning experiences and assessments, then analyze and compare the results together. This collaboration upholds our rigorous, coherent curriculum; extends student learning; and results in vibrant and effective instruction.

Students understand the essential learnings, expect to be held accountable, and know that educators will do whatever it takes to help them achieve high standards. Interventions are systematically designed to be flexible, timely, specific, and are planned with parents, students and colleagues. Student successes are celebrated daily. As a result, students are engaged and invested in learning that is differentiated for their academic, social, physical, and emotional needs.

We are a community of curious learners constantly striving for excellence. In a climate of trust and respect, thoughtful change is valued and everyone has the courage to participate in

Enrollment Projections (As of October 1, 2006)

School Year	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
K	84	76	92
1	86	95	90
2	92	90	100
3	103	96	94
4	106	106	99
5	116	111	111
6	100	113	108
7	117	102	115
8	97	118	103
9	117	100	122
10	121	117	100
11	123	121	117
12	129	123	121
TOTAL	1391	1368	1368

Significant Accomplishments

January 2006

Alice Barr, Mark Noack, David Pearl, John Martin, Marti-Jo Shaw, Roberto Borda, Cathy Wolinsky, and Linda Hanson are featured in a national publication, Teacher Magazine. The article highlights Yarmouth's use of technology to improve teaching and learning.

Grade 7 students Chandelle Haas, Connor Ertz, Smythe Eddy, Sophomore Anna Makaretz, and Juniors Hannah McCain, Nicole Simmonds, Melissa Wirth, Jennifer McGuinness, and Cate Sharp have artwork selected as part of the Scholastic Art Show at Maine College of Art.

Smythe Eddy, grade 7, receives a Silver Key Award for her "Room with a View" painting, Freshman Monica Klein receives a Gold Key Award for her photogram, Sophomore Anna Makaretz receives a merit award for her drawing, Junior Melissa Wirth receives a Silver Key award for her black & white photograph, and Junior Jennifer McGuinness receives a silver key award for her photograph at the Scholastic Art Show at Maine College of Art.

February 2006

Senior Molly Dilworth receives the Hector Hebert Award.

Senior Alex Mora is one of two students selected to represent Maine at the National Science Camp this July. One hundred and two students attend this 3 week camp held in West Virginia and Washington DC featuring presentations by world-renowned scientists.

Sophomore Billy Dietz and seniors Molly Dilworth and Alex Mora are accepted to the MMEA All-State Orchestra.

Sophomores Jack Champlin, Alex King, Emma Roose, Emily Steingart, and junior Ami Robbins are accepted to the MMEA all-State Band.

Natalie Pelletier, grade 7, wins a gold medal in the 25 meter snowshoe event and a bronze medal in the 50 meter snowshoe event at the Special Olympics.

Our new NHS inductees include Seniors: Meaghan Caulfield, Kendall Corkum, Devin Doran, John Melville

Juniors: Laurie Baker, Jessica Beal, Ashley Brookes, Bryan Connor, Sabrina Corey, Michael Coulter, Amelia Devine, Alexander Erickson, Elizabeth Glennon, Suvarna Goddard, Molly Hallweaver, Christina Hassett, Andrew Hopkins, Andrew Hughes, Ned Jones, Daniel King, Hannah McCain, Jeffrey Melville, Jeffrey Mitchell, Alan Palmer, Andrew Purpura, Moira Quinn, Nicholas Richmond, Patrick Ryan, Andrew Shellgren, Nicole Simmonds, Russell Simms, Nancy Thorp, Dorian Tolis, Hannah Wasielewski, Claire Westerfield.

The math team enjoys an outstanding season and finishes in second place for their division behind the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. Members of the team include: freshmen Carl Ericson, Anne Lyons, Adam Sanford; sophomore Zach Hynes; junior Alan Palmer; and seniors James Lyons, Jon Purington, Heather Otis, Justin Hunt, Alex Mora, Becca Dyer, Betsy Reinsborough, Maddie Shellgren, Cory Kendrick, Libby Schrader, and Curtis Hallweaver. Coaches are Roberto Borda and Mark Marstaller.

John Martin and the girls basket-

ball team qualify for the Western Maine basketball tournament. In addition Coach Martin is selected to coach the class B all-stars during the March all-star game.

March 2006

The Southern Maine Library District looks for exemplary library facilities and programs to showcase each month. This month the Yarmouth High School Library is chosen as the Library of the Month. Earlier in the year YES was chosen.

Coach Bob Morse and Boys Ski Team win the State Championship. Girls Ski Team State are runners up at the WMC Championship.

Girls swim team comes in 3rd place in Southwesterns and 1st for class B.

Beth Doane, Guidance Counselor at Yarmouth High School, is nominated by Governor Baldacci to be a member of the Maine Educational Loan Authority.

Jackson Clarke, grade 1, Kris Cody, grade 4, Alison Totta, grade 7, Mallory Turndorf, grade 8, Anne Hensley, grade 10, and Pearce Thompson, grade 12 have art work on display at the Youth Art Month Exhibition at Portland Museum of Art.

Libby Thompson and Nicole Hoehle win first and second place respectively in the fifth grade division of a Cumberland County writing contest.

Seniors Frank Ridge, Tony Tocci, Nate Allen, and Kevin Santillo are selected to play in the East/West Senior Hockey All-Star game.

Senior Meredith Shaw is named to the All State basketball team.

Sophomores Jonathan Poole and Will Woodworth and junior Molly

Hallweaver are named to the All Conference Team in Nordic Skiing.

Freshman Lauren Stackhouse, sophomores Jason Hichborn, Chelsea Eddy, and Jack Gross, and seniors Nick Sampson, Curtis Hallweaver, and Cory Kendrick are named to the All Conference Team in Alpine Skiing.

Junior Molly Hallweaver qualifies to represent Maine in the Eastern High School Nordic Ski Championships in Presque Isle.

Sophomore Julianna Lord is named the Girl's State Champion Skimeister for 2006.

Sophomore Jack Gross places 3rd in the state for boys skimeister.

Junior Jon Planer qualifies to participate in the New Englands for swimming.

Seniors Nicole McAllister and Meredith Shaw participate in the WMC basketball all-star game.

Senior Nigel Lindgren is an alternate for the WMC Boy's Basketball all-star game.

Betsy Puelle and the One Act Play cast win the regional One Act Play Festival, the ensemble award, and nine individual acting awards.

April 2006

YHS Playmakers win the 2006 State Drama Festival and also received the judges' commendations for outstanding comic ensemble.

Juniors Dan King and Allie Smith receive awards for outstanding performance at the State Drama Festival.

Juniors Dan King and Allie Smith and Seniors Emma Verrill, Mike Langan, and Alex Mills receive acting awards at the State Drama

Festival. Alex Mills also receives an award for outstanding individual performance.

Seniors Liz Barmore, Tatty Bartholomew, Rebecca Dyer, Lauren Duncan, and Annie Wright are named to the Southern Maine Swim League All Academic Team.

Junior Jon Planer is named Southern Maine Swim League All-Star in 200 medley relay (freestyle) and 50 freestyle.

Sophomores Zach Hynes, Greg Smith, Maggie Taylor, Annie Hensley, Tim Libby, Taylor Goble, Will Woodworth, Dan Gerges and seniors Kendall Corkum, Justin Hunt, James Lyons and Lizzy Whittemore win individual awards for their superior performances in the Science Olympiad.

Junior Alan Palmer and seniors Alex Mora and James Lyons participate in the American Mathematics Contest and are invited to the next level of competition.

Sophomore Zach Hynes and freshmen Carl Ericson and Adam Sanford participate in the American Mathematics Contest and received a Young Student Certificate of Achievement.

Juniors Michael Coulter, Rob Dzialo, Elizabeth Field, Dan King, Ami Robbins, and Hannah Wasielewski participate in the American Mathematics Contest and are also recognized for superior performance.

Senior Nick Costello finishes 2nd in his age group (18-22) at the National Snowboard Boardercross Championships in Lake Tahoe, NV.

Junior Andy Jacques finishes 5th in his age group (under 18) at National Snowboard Boardercross Championships in Lake Tahoe, NV.

Rowe School wins a \$1,000 for their "Hannafords Helps Schools" program.

Senior Maddie Shellgren is the recipient of the MPA Principal's Award for outstanding academic achievement and citizenship.

Seniors Nigel Lindgren and Andrea Michel are named as YHS recipients of the Western Maine Conference Citizenship Awards based on citizenship, leadership, and scholarship.

Sophomore Zach Hynes and seniors James Lyons and Justin Hunt represent YHS at World-Quest 2006 where they place third. This competition is put on by the World Affairs Council of Maine and sponsored by National Semiconductor.

Seniors James Lyons, Jon Purington, Alexander Mora, Heather Otis, Justin Hunt, Becca Dyer, Maddie Shelgren, junior Alan Palmer, sophomore Zach Hynes, and freshman Carl Ericson earn third place in Division C at the State Math Meet at the University of Maine at Orono. The team is coached by Roberto Borda and Mark Marstaller.

Senior Abby Bedecs and Junior Nicholas Richmond win individual awards in the Longfellow Prize sonnet competition.

Susan Robbins, Yarmouth High School Athletic Director, completes the process to become a Certified Master Athletic Administrator. Susan is now one of a very small group of interscholastic athletic administrators to attain this level of certification.

Emily Davison, modern language teacher at Yarmouth High School, has an article published in the Maine Foreign Language Association April magazine.

Bob Morse, Rich Smith, Mark

McDonough, Ira Warshaw, Richard Curtis, Laura Mike, Diane Goddard, and parent, Bob Waterson organize an outstanding Career Fair at HMS.

Beth White, grade 8, wins the geography bee and Brady Jacques, grade 7, comes in second place.

Elizabeth Bergesch, grade 7, wins the spelling bee and Sara Makaretz, grade 8, comes in second place.

The Destination Imagination Team wins the State Championship. Team members include 8th graders Ian Carle, Mike Cormier, Dan Wriggins, Kevin Russell, Tim Wright, Sam Richardson, and Billy Asbell.

May 2006

Senior Cory Kendrick is selected as a United States Department of Education 2006 Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalist. She is one of 550 students that are selected from a pool of over 2700 candidates.

Seniors Heather Otis and Meaghan Caulfield are invited to participate in the United States Department of Education 2006 Presidential Scholars Program.

Juniors Dan King, Alan Palmer, Ami Robbins, Hannah McCain, and Ella Field are named as high scorers in the National Merit Program. They are in the top 50,000 scorers of the 1.4 million juniors nationally who took the PSAT this fall. 16,000 of those 50,000 will go on to become National Merit Semi-Finalist.

Senior Rebecca Dyer is named Junior Emergency Medical Services Student of the Year.

Senior Jameson Buck is named Junior Firefighter of the Year.

Emily Mitchell and Erica Paul, grade 8, writing is selected as

part of the Promising Young Writers Program. 221 students were selected nationally.

Diane Goddard, coordinator of Partners in Education, receives the distinguished Yarmouth Spirit of Excellence award. The recognition program is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The Yarmouth school department nominated Diane for her outstanding contributions over the past 17 years.

Mary Curry, parent and volunteer, receives the YEA Friend of Education award.

Brad Ciechowski, music teacher at Harrison Middle School, receives the YEA Educator of the Year award.

Charlotte Agell, teacher at Harrison Middle School, and a dedicated cadre of 8th graders publish the 10th anniversary issue of Legenda, a literary magazine.

Rosie Faley, Pat Hamel, Karen Kotkas, Marti MacDiarmid, Karen Guter, John Martin, Shirley Willis, and Diane Goddard retire. Cumulatively these educators have devoted 174 years of service to our profession and to the children of Yarmouth.

June 2006

119 seniors graduate from Yarmouth High School on Sunday, June 4. 93% of the graduating class are continuing their education next year and 7% will be entering military, work force or have travel plans.

Junior Bryan Connor is awarded first place overall in high schools in a Maine Student Web Design competition.

Senior Nicole McAllister is awarded "Best Content" in high schools in a Maine Student Web Design competition.

Sophomore Alex Lougovtsov is

awarded "Best Group Designed Site" in high school in a Maine Student Web Design competition.

Dorothy Holt, coach of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team, and team members win the state championships in an exciting final championship game against Wayne.

Craig Curry, coach of the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, and team members win the state championship by defeating Kennebunk.

Volunteer coordinator Diane Goddard and over 300 registered volunteers provide more than 8,500 hours to our schools during the school year.

Nancy Shaw and the 2006 Play in the Street student editions publish the annual journal of student writing and artwork.

Seniors Emily Johnson and Molly Dilworth are named to the All American Girls Lacrosse Team.

Senior Zach Caldwell is named to the All American Boys Lacrosse Team.

Junior Ned Jones is named to the 1st Team WMC All Star Team in tennis.

Freshman Mike Hickey and sophomore Maggie Taylor are named to the 2nd Team WMC All Star Team in tennis.

Sophomore Annie Dursema and senior Lizzy Whittemore are named to the 1st Team WMC All Star Team in softball.

Seniors Alyssa Lowell and Sarah Swan are named to the 2nd Team WMC All Star Team in softball.

Junior Abby Saucier and seniors Emily Johnson and Molly Dilworth are named to the 1st Team WMC All Star Team in lacrosse.

Juniors Laurie Baker and An-

nalisa Carson are named to the 2nd Team WMC All Star Team in lacrosse.

Juniors Anna Van Slyke and Molly Hallweaver receive honorable mention for the WMC All Star Team in lacrosse.

Sophomore John Curry and seniors Zach Caldwell, Hans Tobiason, and Sean Bilodeau are named to the 1st Team WMC All Star Team in lacrosse.

Sophomore Tucker Sampson, junior Francis Ellis, and seniors Jake VanKennen and Nigel Carr are named to the 2nd Team WMC All Star Team in lacrosse.

Senior Emily Johnson is named Forecaster's spring female athlete of the year.

Senior Hans Tobiason is named Forecaster's spring male athlete of the year.

Another very successful blood drive is sponsored by the AP Biology class. Coach Jim Senecal and the softball team win the Western Maine Conference Championship.

Cyndi McCormack, Paula Vicenzi and Claudine Hladky, teachers at Harrison Middle School, sponsor a near the end of the school year benefit dance to raise money for the Good Samaritan Hospital in the Dominican Republic.

July 2006

138 students are honored at the June 22 School Committee meeting. At that meeting Chairperson Toby Dilworth and Vice-Chairperson David Ray present students with individual awards for their accomplishments during the 2005-2006 school year.

Toby Dilworth is elected Chairperson of the School Committee for the 2006-2007 school year.

David Ray is elected Vice-Chairperson of the School Com-

mittee for the 2006-2007 school year.

Senior Hans Tobiason is named to All American Boys Lacrosse Team.

Seniors Emily Johnson and Molly Dilworth are named to the All State Girls Lacrosse Team.

Seniors Zach Caldwell and Hans Tobiason are named to the All State Boys Lacrosse Team.

Junior Francis Ellis receive honorable mention for the All State Boys Lacrosse Team.

Molly Brown "retires" as a volunteer after seventeen years at both Rowe and Yarmouth Elementary Schools. Molly recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Mr. Earle "retires" as a volunteer after being with the Yarmouth Schools for seventeen years.

Rowe School expands its playground area as a result of the K-4 P.T.O. The newly fenced area is connected to the existing playground and will offer a running and ball playing field. Funding for this project came from family donations to a P.T.O. sponsored spring fund raiser.

August 2006

The following staff members present at the EdLaw Conference which is a National Conference held each summer at USM.

Julie Olsen, Jodi McGuire, Suzanne Jones, Katie Milliken, and Jane Golding present on Response to Intervention: It's How You Meet the Needs of Each

Learner that Says It All! Jodi McGuire, Lorrie King, and Tom McDowell present on Student Led IEP Meetings.

Marsha Newick, teacher at Harrison Middle School, tours The Silk Road and teaches Chinese students for three weeks.

September 2006

Marcia Noyes, Yarmouth Com-

munity Services Director, is elected President of the New England Parks Association on September 13. NEPA is the oldest park association in New England. Marcia is the second woman President of the Association's 108 year history.

Marypat Bowen, teacher at Yarmouth Elementary School, participates in a nationally recognized art education project. Marypat is one of 20 teachers from around the state of Maine to be selected to participate in the summer institute for teachers at the Portland Museum of Art.

Seniors Alan Palmer and Elizabeth Field are named semi-finalists in the Nat'l Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Seniors Dan King, Hannah McCain, and Ami Robbins are named Commended Students in the Nat'l Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Jane Golding completes a two year National Leadership Program sponsored by the National Staff Development Council.

October 2006

HMS hosts visitors from Australia, Nigeria, Guatemala, and Costa Rica who are interested in learning more about the benefits of student laptops.

Anne Tarbox retires from Yarmouth High School. Anne is honored by the YHS staff and awarded a Yarmouth chair for her quality teaching for over twenty years.

The following employees celebrate noteworthy anniversaries with our school system.

20 Years

Pat Edgecomb
Sue Stevens
Jean Rafford

25 Years

Nora Perry
Theresa Cline

30 Years

Sharon Gregor
Marsha Newick

November 2006

Ami Robbins, senior trumpet player, is selected for the All-State Jazz Combo.

Alex King, junior alto sax player, is selected for the All-State Honors Jazz Band.

Juniors Alex King, alto sax, Emily Steingart, bassoon, Emma Roose, clarinet, Billy Dietz, tuba, Chelsea Mora, flute, and sophomore Carl Ericson, tenor sax, are selected for District 2 Honors Band.

Juniors Shayna Gobeia, violin, and Anna Makaretz, violin, are selected for District 2 Honors Orchestra.

Sophomore Emma Brightbill has an article she wrote about her own educational activism published in Horace, the journal of the Coalition of Essential Schools.

Entire cast and crew of Guys and Dolls, this year's YHS musical. Director Betsy Puelle and Co-Director Lynne Erkkinen have once again teamed with approximately 100 students to bring this show to life and entertain the community.

Margi Moran coordinates our annual flu shot campaign. 87 employees take advantage of the on-sight availability.

Michele Danois, teacher at Yarmouth Elementary School, is recognized by her peers and given the MAHPERD Worthy of Praise Honor Award at their annual conference, members of MAHPERD (Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance).

Yarmouth Elementary School is recognized by the Maine Heart Association as a result of last year's grade four students

35 Years

Alan Hall
Becky Pride

(currently fifth graders) raising \$8000 through their Jump Rope for Heart. They earn a plaque in recognition of being third place in Division II.

The following teachers report at the Annual Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum: Alice Barr, Melissa Noack, Nancy Shaw, Mandy Peaslee, Catherine Glaude, Ted Hall, Emily Davison, Holly Tornrose, David Pearl, John Beebe, Jodi McGuire, and Tom McDowell.

Claire Evrard and Mike Weiss are recognized by the College Board for having one of the strongest AP Calculus courses in the State of Maine.

Senior Maggie Mercer and junior Sarah Penrose are named to WMC 2nd team in field hockey.

Seniors Molly Hallweaver and Andy Shellgren are named to WMC 2nd team in Cross Country.

Seniors Cody Lapointe, Drew Hughes, Adam Varney, and Jon Planer are named WMC 2nd team in Soccer.

Seniors Nicole Simmonds and Jen Senecal and junior Tierney Minte are named WMC 1st team in soccer.

Seniors Abby Saucier, Anna VanSlyke, Nicole Simmonds, Jen Senecal and junior Tierney Minte are named to Western B Regional All Star Team.

Seniors Cody Lapointe and Nicole Simmonds are named Forecaster Fall Athletes of the Year.

Junior Bryan Otis who came in 5th and freshman Nick McMenamin come in 10th in the school golf championship.

Junior Bryan Otis is named to WMC 1st Team in Golf.

Freshman Nick McMenamin re-

ceives Honorable Mention in Golf.

December 2006

Sophomores Sarah Erwin, Adam Sanford and juniors Elise Sirois and Lindsey Miller are selected for All State Choir.

Juniors Emily Steingart, Alex King, Emma Roose and senior Ami Robbins are selected for All State Band.

Sophomore Casey Jones and juniors Anna Makaretz and Billy Dietz are selected for All State Orchestra.

Erica Troy, Karen Renton, Rick Dustin, Brad Ciechomski, Kimberly Grover, and our music students provide outstanding performances at our holiday concerts.

Beth Doane, guidance counselor at Yarmouth High School, is profiled in the Community Leader.

Brad Ciechomski, music teacher at Harrison Middle School, has a swing tune for middle or high school jazz band called "Cruisin' the Back Bay" published.

Elaine Fletcher, art teacher at Harrison Middle School, is chosen by Senator Olympia Snowe to have her painting of Portland Head Light on the front of the Christmas cards Senator Snowe sends each year.

High School drawing and painting students from Holly Houston's class have a show of their abstracted pastels hanging at Clayton's.

Class of 2006

* Andrew Allegretta	Ω * Cory Kendrick	Elijah Scherr
Nathan Allen	Dylan King	Ω * Elizabeth Schrader
Sarah Arnold	* Sadie Kitchen	* Meredith Shaw
Davis Asherman	Judith Konecki	* Madeline Shellgren
* Elizabeth Barmore	* Michael Langan	* Hannah Shepard
* Elizabeth Bartholomew	* Peter Leonard	Brandon Shields
* Abigail Bedecs	Thomas Lepley	Matthew Sidar
Gina Bianchini	Julia Libby	Alexander Slader
* Sean Bilodeau	* Nigel Lindgren	* Caroline Smith
Meghan Blaszczyk	Ω * Alyssa Lowell	Grace Spain
Jesse Tyler Brand	Ω * James Lyons	Luke Stevens
Jameson Buck	Rodrick MacLean	* Sarah Studley
Katy Cagney	Haley Maguire	Ruth Sutherland
* Zachary Caldwell	* Lisa Marshall	Heather Sullivan
* Nigel Carr	* Logan Mather	Sarah Swan
Arielle Castaldi	Nicole McAllister	Colleen Tarp
Σ Ω * Meaghan Caulfield	* Cameron McManus	* Pearce Van Thompson
Emily Clemons	* John Melville	* Hans Tobiason
* Kendall Corkum	* Katherine Michaud	Anthony Tocci
* Nicholas Costello	* Andrea Michel	Brian Tupper
Ω * Catherine Curry	Nicholas Miller	James VanKennen
* Brian Deerwester	* Alexander Mills	* Emma Verrill
* Molly Dilworth	* Shane Minte	* Sara Vicenzi
* Devin Doran	Ω * Alexander Mora	Jennifer Wharff
Ω * Lauren Duncan	Timothy Murphy	* Elizabeth Whittemore
* Rebecca Dyer	* Jeffrey O'Brien	Ω * Anne Wright
Michael Dzialo	Daniel O'Connell	Brandon Wyman
Michael Evans	Shane Oliver	Anthony Young
Michael Flaherty	Isaac Olson	Ω * Megan Zerega
Anthony Galli	§ Ω * Heather Otis	
Christopher Gebhardt	Michael Outwin	
Shannon Gildart	* Elizabeth Penrose	
Ω * Caitlin Gillies	Brittany Pingitore	
Devin Gleeson	Lindsay Place	
Josiah Gray	Morgan Place	
Kaitlyn Gray	Ryan Prussner	
Christopher Hall	Jonathan Purington	
Curtis Hallweaver	Corey Randall	
Madelyn Harriman	* Elizabeth Reinsborough	
Hayley Hastings	Francis Ridge	
William Held	Adam Ruetty	
* Justin Hunt	Michael Russell	
Sara Hyde	Christopher Rutherford	
* Emily Johnson	* Nicholas Sampson	
Kelsie Johnston	Kevin Santillo	
Rosalind Keegan	* Rebecca Schaffer	

Σ Valedictorian
 § Salutorian
 Ω Top Ten Percentile
 * National Honor Society

2006-2007 PROFESSIONAL STAFF YARMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EX P</u>	<u>DEG.</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>
Margaret Anderson	Asst. Principal	35	M	USM
Alice Barr	Technology Coord.	23	M	Lesley College; Wheelock College
John Beebe	Social Studies	9	M+30	Johns Hopkins; Tufts
Richard Biskup	Science	25	B	Univ. of Maine Orono & Portland
Jorge Roberto Borda	Mathematics	14	M	USM, Lesley
Richard Bray	1/2 Industrial Arts	33	M	USM, CMTC
Marc Brown	Special Education	6	M	Hamilton College, Univ. Virginia
Mary Beth Coughlin	Special Education	3	B	UMO
Emily Davison	Foreign Language	5	B+30	USM; UNE
Elizabeth Doane	Guidance	21	M	UMPI; USM
Richard Dustin	Music	16	M	Univ of Michigan; UMO
Jennifer Erickson	Special Education	11	M+15	UMF; USM
Claire Evrard	Mathematics	28	M+15	UMO; USM
David Farrington	Social Studies	12	M	USM, Messiah, Nazareth, Syracuse
Jill Frame	1/2 Substance Abuse Counselor	8	M	Univ. of New Hampshire
Alan Hall	Social Studies	35	M+30	Harvard Univ.; Univ. of Maine
Ted Hall	Principal	28	M+30	Rivier, Northern Arizona Univ., Univ. of Phoenix, UMO
Marc Halsted	Social Studies (one year)	7	B	Univ. of Maine
Suzanne Hamilton	Librarian	22	M	Columbia Univ.; Bowdoin
Linda Hanson	Foreign Language	30	M+15	Univ. of Grenoble; UMO; USM
Heather Heath	Special Education	10	M+15	UMO; USM
Terri Hewett-Reiter	Substance Abuse Counselor	9	M	UMO
Mary Highland	Foreign Language	1	B+15	Northwestern Univ.
Christopher Hill	Science	3	M+15	Tufts; Franklin & Marshall
Brenda H-Michaelsen	Guidance	25	M	UMO, USM
Holly Houston	1/2 Art	13	M	Bowdoin College; USM
Elizabeth Hutchinson	Foreign Language	27	B+15	Colorado College
Julie Hutchinson	Mathematics	19	B	UMO
Deborah Johansen	English	31	M+30	USM
Alison Kenway	Art	10	B	Wellesley College
Lorrie King	9-12 Literacy Specialist	28	M+30	Brooklyn College; The New School, NY
Paul Lamson-LaPlume	Mathematics	1	M	Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Boston University
Mark Marstaller	Mathematics	9	B+15	UMO; USM
S. Thomas McDowell	Special Education	15	M+30	Southern Connecticut College; Univ. Connecticut; Fordham Univ.
Jodi McGuire	Special Education	20	M+30	UMF; Univ. New Mexico
Marguerite Moran	School Nurse	26	B	Med. Ctr of Western MA;
Melissa Noack	Art	10	B+30	UNE; USM
David Pearl	Social Studies	12	M	Georgetown; USM

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXP</u>	<u>DEG.</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>
Amanda Peaslee	English	3	M	Ithaca College; USM
Pamela Pinkoski	Science	22	B+15	Cornell Univ.; SUNY-Buffalo
Rebecca Pride	English	34	M+30	Univ. Maine; Andover Newton; Univ. VA
Julianne Raines	Science	26	B	Pillsbury Bible College; UMO
Susan Robbins	Athletic Director	10	M	Springfield College
Caitlin Ruthman	Social Studies	7	M	USM; Haverford College; Institut für Europäische Studien
Amy Sanders	1/2 Social Studies	5	M+30	Bucknell Univ.; Univ. Virginia
Janice Seabury	1/2 English	19	B+15	UMO
Nancy Shaw	English	31	M+30	USM
Todd Shaw	Mathematics	10	B	Bowdoin
Donald Simms	PE	24	M	UMO, USM
J. Adam Smith	Health Science	21	B+15	UMPI
Sandra Thomas	1/2 Health Science	9	B	UMO
Holly Tornrose	English	9	M+45	UNH, USM
Michael Weiss	Mathematics/Science	9	M+30	US Naval Academy; Troy State Univ.; USM
Shirley Willis	1/2 Special Education	31	M+30	UMPG; USM
Frank Witkowski	1/2 Latin/1/2 English	35	M+30	Clark Univ.; Univ. of Connecticut; USM
Catherine Wooten	Science	0	M	Cornell Univ.; Teachers College (Columbia Univ.)
Joan Adler	Special Education	22	M	Syracuse Univ; Temple Univ.
Charlotte Agell	1/2 Language Arts G/T	15	M	Bowdoin; USM; Harvard
Heather Allen	Grade 7	4	M+15	UMO, USM, Lesley College
Michael Arsenault	Technology Coordinator	15	M+15	Boston Univ.; Lesley Univ.
Ragan Bartlett	Grade 6	8	M	UVM; USM
Judy Berghuis	1/2 Nurse	17	B	University of Colorado
Bruce Brann	Principal	28	M+30	UMPI; USM; UMO
Julianna Breay	Special Education	5	M	American Univ.; Lesley Univ.
Bradley Ciechowski	Music	24	M	UNH, UMO, USM
Kelly Conley	Grade 5	13	B	USM
Roderick Corey	Grade 8	9	M+30	Colby College; Lesley College
Linda Cote	Health	30	M+15	UMPI; USM
Barbara Ellis	Grade 6	16	B	USM
Elaine Fletcher	1/2 Art	20	B+15	UMO; USM
Elizabeth Greely	Grade 5	17	M	UMO; USM

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EX P.</u>	<u>DEG.</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>
Kimberly Grover	Music	14	B	UMO
Michael Hagerty	Grade 7	13	M	Saint Anselm; USM
Elizabeth Heid-Puelle	1/2 K-8 Math G/T	14	B+15	UMO; SUM
Claudine Hladky	Foreign Language	32	M+30	Universite de Basse Normandie, Univ. Wisconsin, Madison
Kelley Irish	Special Education	11	M	UMO; Fitchburg State College
Karen Jagolinzer	Grade 5	12	M+30	Colby College, USM, UNE, Salem State
Jenny Jorgensen	5-8 Math Teacher Leader	23	M+30	USM, Michigan State Univ.
Merry Kahn	Librarian	26	M+30	Univ. of Northern Iowa; State Univ. of NY
Amy Lamarre	Special Education	14	B	UMF
Elizabeth Lane	Asst.Principal	24	M+30	UMF, USM
Julie Logan	Grade 6	10	M+15	USM
Robert Maurais	Industrial Arts	30	B+15	USM
Cyndi McCormack	.8 Foreign Language	5	B	Bridgewater State College
Mark McDonough	Grade 7	8	M+15	USM
Laura Mike	Guidance	10	M	St. Olf; Univ. of MN; USM
Robert Morse	Gr 6	38	M+30	Washington St; USM
Marsha Newick	Grade 7	38	M+30	UNH; Purdue; Boston Univ.
Susan Parr	1/2 Social Worker	10	M	Syracuse Univ; Lesley College
Diane Reynolds	Health Science	27	B	UMF
Megan Rice	Gr8	14	M	Lesley College, Marlboro, USM
Stephanie Robison	Grade 6	9	M	Univ. of Kansas; Ohio State Univ.
Cynthia Sargent	Grade 7	14	M+30	Univ. of MA; UNE; USM
William Shardlow	Grade 8	33	M+30	UMF; USM
Marti-Jo Shaw	Grade 5	22	M+15	UMF; USM
Steve Simonton	Grade 8	20	B	UMF
Brian Skilling	Health Science	17	B	UMO
Karyn Smith	5-8 L.A. Teacher Leader	23	M	UMO
Richard Smith	Grade 5	22	B+15	UMO
Priscilla Vandermast	Speech	20	M+30	UMO; Boston College
Paula Vicenzi	Foreign Language	21	M+30	Univ of Mass., USM
Ira Warshaw	Grade 8	9	B+15	Univ. of Michigan; USM
Lisa Williams	1/2 Art	19	M+30	Dartmouth; Colby College



What is the best new thing or best change you have seen in Yarmouth?

“What excited me the most, said Freeman, was the recent results of the Maine Learning Results by Yarmouth students. These test results placed Yarmouth students at the top for the town, state and the country. This important measure of our schools will bring people to settle in Yarmouth where we have great teachers, and schools.”

Freeman Etheridge

ELEMENTARY

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXP</u>	<u>DEG.</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>
JoAnne Barker	Grade 4	25	B+15	USM
Linda Beck	Grade 3	29	B	USM
Susan Blethen	Speech	26	M	SUNY at Geneseo; USM
Marypat Bowen	Grade 3	18	M+30	LeMoyne College; Boston College
Elizabeth Clark	Librarian	27	M+15	USM; Univ. of So. FL.
Rachel Clark	K-4 Math Teacher Leader	21	B	USM
Michelle Danois	Physical Education	24	B	UMPI
Karin Felmly	Grade 4	4	M+15	Colby College, Lesley College, Univ. of Melbourne, USM
Stephanie Gautreau	Grade 2/3	11	M	Northern Arizona University; USM
Bethany Haynes	Grade 2	2	M	Univ. of New Hampshire; USM
Ellen Honan	K-4 L.A. Teacher Leader	27	M+45	UMO; Univ. of Arizona
Jennifer Kugler	Grade 3	1	B	Bates College
Sherry LaPointe	Occupational Therapy	23	B	UNH
Nancy March	Grade 4	21	B+15	Eastern Connecticut Univ.
Mary Jo Moore	Grade 4	23	M+30	UNH; Univ. Maine; Univ. of Colorado
Sandra Morrell	Special Education	13	M+15	Univ. of Mass., Simmons
Julie Olsen	Special Education	5	M	Colby-Sawyer, William Woods Univ., USM
Carlene Page-Redmann	Grade 2	28	M+45	Univ. of North Colorado, USM
Karen Renton	Music	25	B+30	UNH
Dorothy Rumpf	Grade 4	27	B+15	USM
Karen Rusinek	Special Education	10	B+45	UMF; Roger Williams College
Richard Sellinger	Grade 3	1	M	USM;
David Sherry	Principal	30	M+30	UMF; Smith College; USM
Barbara Sorenson	Grade 3	33	M+15	Univ. of Michigan; Oakland Univ.
Laura Spellman	Guidance	9	M	UMO, USM
Kimberly Spencer	Grade 3	11	B	UMF
Elke Tate	Grade 2	13	M+45	Univ of PA; USM
Kimberly Tillotson	1/2 Nurse	15	B	Rutgers College/UMDNJ
Elizabeth Weir	Art	30	B+15	Johnson State College
Catherine Wolinsky	K-4 Tech. Coord	29	M+30	USM; Lesley College; Univ. of Minnesota; Carleton College

<u>ROWE SCHOOL</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXP</u>	<u>DEG.</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>
Raelene Bean	Grade 1	32	B+15	USM
Adele Brainard	1/2 Social Worker; 1/2 Guidance	21	M+30	Univ. of CA; George Washington Univ.; American College-Paris; Bennington College
Emily Branigan-Landry	1/2 Art	1	B	USM
Nancy Freeman	Kindergarten	44	M+30	USM; NYUC-Potsdam
Catherine Glaude	1/2 Principal; 1/2 K-12 Fac.Sch.Improvement	29	Ph.D.	UMO; Portland;Southern IL Univ.
Valle Gooch	Special Education	16	M	USM
Elizabeth Melevsky	Kindergarten	4	M	Univ. of New Hampshire; Lesley Univ.
Susan Miller	Grade 1	31	M+30	Wheelock College; Univ. of Maine
Margaret Pachuta	1/2 Physical Education	19	B	Kent State University
Jean Rafford	Grade 1	25	B+30	UMO, USM
Deborah Roux	Grade 1	19	B	UMF
Erica Troy	1/2 Music	5	B+30	USM
Sandra Warren	Grade 1	13	M+45	USM; UMO
Mary Wood	Kindergarten	32	B+15	UMF

Trust Funds

The Town of Yarmouth has received significant contributions over the years in the form of trust funds. As of June 30, 2006, those trusts totaled more than \$2.7 million in principal and income. A brief description of the broad categories of each trust is as follows:

Cemetery Trust. Perpetual care funds have been deposited with the town over a period of several years to provide for maintenance of cemetery lots in the Baptist, Ledge, and other town cemeteries.

Coombs Charity Fund. The town became the beneficiary of this fund in 1972. The Trustee (Fleet Bank) manages the account on a total-return policy and transfers to the Town an amount equal to 5% of the "three-year rolling average value" (average of the total fair market value of the trust, net of expenses, as of the close of each of the previous three calendar years). The Town as fiduciary agent may distribute funds for the original purposes; however, distributions for any one person will be limited to one-half of one percent of the three-year rolling average in any given year.

Doughty Trust Fund: This trust was deposited with the town in 1971. Its purpose was to "establish a home for aged people or a hospital for the poor in the Town of Yarmouth." Since the dollars in the trust were not sufficient to accomplish the specific purpose, the Probate Court in May 1984, modified the trust "to provide housing assistance for aged people of the town of Yarmouth or hospitalization and medical care for the poor of the town of Yarmouth."

Bessie A. Farwell Trust. In 1963, the town first received funds from this trust. The income is to be used "in beautifying the cemetery grounds and to aid needy individuals as the town may deem wise."

Louisa T. York Fund. This is the town's largest single trust received in 1972. The income is to be used for "supporting, maintaining, instructing and employing children including without limitations (1) aiding other charitable agencies and institutions in their work and (2) granting scholarship aid to children in financial need for their post high school education."

Miscellaneous Funds. These funds include the Grange Scholarship, the Fitts award, the Hector Hebert Award, the Roland C. O'Brien Scholarship, the Tracy P. Wilder Scholarship, the Swegustagoe Council Award, the Mayall Fund, the Johnson Music Foundation, and the Plummer Fund. Six of these trust accounts are for scholarships, the Mayall Fund is for use of Merrill Memorial Library and the Plummer Fund is for furnishing award for excellence in scholarship. The Hector Hebert Award was established in 1998 to honor a Yarmouth High School student. The Lu Tuttle Sherburne Trust was established in 1999 to provide funds for the Yarmouth High School senior class.

Each year the Town Council selects three of its members to serve as the Advisory Trust Fund Committee. That committee has the responsibility of overseeing the investments and authorizing expenditures.

Any individual and/or organization seeking funds from these trusts should make their requests to members of the Town Council or to the Town Manager.

Balances, including principal and expendable income, as of June 30, 2006, were as follows:

Cemetery Trusts	\$ 46,000
*Coombs Fund	559,000
Doughty Fund	205,000
Farwell Fund	83,000
York Fund	1,704,000
Miscellaneous Fund	<u>116,000</u>
 Total	 <u>\$2,713,000</u>

*Town is interest beneficiary only (\$49,000)

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Assessor	846-4971	Tax Collector	846-9036
Adult Education	846-2406	Town Clerk	846-9036
Building Inspector	846-2401	Town Engineer	846-4971
Code Enforcement	846-2401	Town Manager	846-9036
Community Services	846-2406	Town Planner	846-2401
Electrical Inspector	846-5391	Treasurer	846-9036
Finance Director	846-9036	Tree Warden	846-5903
Fire Chief	846-2410		829-9998
Harbormaster	846-3333	Supt of Schools	846-5586
Health Officer	829-5238	Middle School	846-2499
Librarian	846-4763	Intermediate School	846-3391
Parks	846-2406	Rowe School	846-3771
Planning Board	846-2401	Supt of Sewers	846-2415
Plumbing Inspector	846-2401	After 2:30 PM	846-3333
Police Chief	846-3333	Chamber of Commerce	846-3984
Police Department	846-3333		
Public Works	846-2416		
Recreation	846-2406		
Recycling Center	846-2417		

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